



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.



31st Sunday of Ordinary Time - November 3, 2024



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



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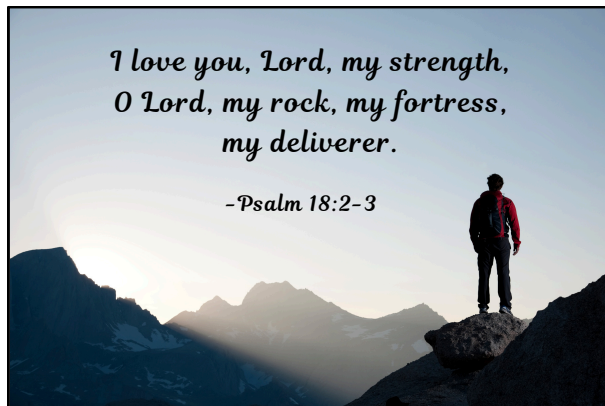
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NEW OUTREACH HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

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

*I love you, Lord, my strength,
O Lord, my rock, my fortress,
my deliverer.*

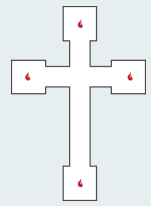
-Psalm 18:2-3





AWAY WE GO WITH NOVEMBER

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



This was a week of remembrance. The Church celebrated two feast days that connect us with those who have gone before us. The first was All Saints' Day in which we remember the great cloud of witnesses that the Church formally recognizes as saints. The second is more personal, as we remember all our loved ones on All Souls' Day. This is one of those days that does not need a great explanation or great effort to touch people's hearts. We naturally connect with those who were dear to us and who have passed away. This year All Souls' Day fell on a Saturday which meant we had to celebrate the Mass during the day. Normally we have a candlelight procession, but the effectiveness of that is lost when it takes place in a church that is already illumined by sunlight. But, nonetheless, it was still a beautiful time of remembrance.

Several weeks ago, I spoke about the bankruptcy settlement which included a financial contribution by our parish. This week we wired the money to the Diocese before the required deadline. This is a difficult moment in the life of the Church, but it is necessary so that both the Church and survivors of abuse can move forward. We pray these steps may help to bring about some sense of healing for all those involved.

Some parishioners have asked if there would be any special collections we would need to take up in order to meet our financial obligation. The amount that parishes were assessed was based on several factors including how much money each parish has. The money we had to send was money we already had. There is no need to seek additional income for us to offset this payment. I am hopeful that as we move forward, your continued generosity and good stewardship will allow us to continue to build back our savings.

We are very close in choosing a contractor to address our failing lighting system. It has been a long and tedious process in trying to get bids, but I am confident we have gotten the best proposals possible. As soon as I have specific details, I will share that news with you. While I am happy that we will be able to address this issue, it will not take place on the timeline I was hoping for. We will need to wait until the new year for work to begin.

As I write this column, the Yankees are in trouble. Prayers can only go so far; they have to get their act together.

This is an important week for our Nation as we choose new leaders. Pray that the Spirit will be at work in the hearts of all people. May we do the best we can in choosing men and women who embrace the values of the gospel and respect Church teaching. We pray that those chosen will work for lasting peace, justice for all God's children, and embrace and protect the gift of human life.



ON THE CALENDAR

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



NOVEMBER 9

5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



**SCRIPTURE
READINGS
FOR NOVEMBER 10**

+ 1 Kings 17:10-16
+ Hebrews 9:24-28
+ Mark 12:38-44

Saturday, November 2nd **ALL SOULS' DAY MASS**
11:00AM, Worship Area

Saturday, November 2nd **HOLY HOUR**
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

Sunday, November 3rd **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, November 3rd **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, November 3rd **BAPTISMS**
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, November 4th **SPECIAL NEEDS**
4:00PM - 6:00PM, Atrium, Fr. Joe Room

Monday, November 4th **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG.**
7:00PM - 8:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, November 5th **IN STITCHES**
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, November 6th **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**
1:30PM - 3:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, November 6th **THE CHOSEN**
7:00PM - 8:45PM, Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, November 7th **SCRIPTURE STUDY**
10:00AM, Atrium

Thursday, November 7th **THE CHOSEN**
1:30PM - 3:15PM, Atrium, Chapel

Thursday, November 7th **WOMEN'S PRAYER**
7:00PM, Chapel, Worship Area

Saturday, November 9th **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**
5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, November 10th **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**
All Masses, Atrium

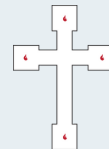


Next weekend at the offertory
we will also be collecting for our
Renovations and Major Repairs fund.

Thank you for your continued support!

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, November 3, 9AM Masses

Mon. Julia Fitting
Tue. Dave Szilagyi & Ted Guzikowski (living)
Wed. Catherine Holzmann
Thu. Officer Vincent Pelliccio

Saturday, November 9, 5 PM Mass

Stephen Mattera, John Schultz Jr.,
Douglas Sternberg, Teresa Dragotta,
Margaret Maher

Sunday, November 10, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lillian & Arthur Buckhout
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Stefano LoPiccolo,
Valerie Kratochvil, Ann Nagosky,
Joseph Santamaria, Scott Betz

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

Bob Alderdice	Carol Leahy
Theresa Arzillo	Mary Lopez
Alejandro Astegiano	Gerald Losquadro
Jo Barry	Charlotte Lynch
Kathy Barry	Viola Malek
Barbara Bombace	Jeanne Marie Malley
Cole Brennan	Olivia Melia
Dan Bryan	Loretto Narducci
Judy Carlson	Darin Pitkanen
Hank Champagne	Patricia Pitkanen
Mary Champagne	Carina Ranieri
William Ciccarelli	Rob Remhild
Jason DeLuca	Liam Richards
Manuela Diaz	Lynn Rodger
Ann Egan	Sean Romeo
Vincent Esposito	Elaine Ruane
Ralph Farino	Louise Scagnelli
Yolanda Fattarusso	Casey Schultz
Sienna Fricke	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Giordano	John Serri
Linda Heinrichs	Celeste Sichenze
Debbie Jablinowski	Bill Tanner
Kristen Kennedy	Grace Van Epps
Roberta Lamb	Peter Warns
Caroline Lazar	Emma Zeidman



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

*We continue to pray
through 2024 for ...*

SSGT David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
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*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!*

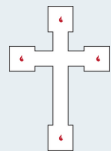
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



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

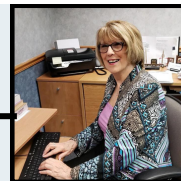
**Diane Frances Lupo
Nancy Monaco
Robert Murphy**

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



"OUR" FATHER

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Continuing with our reflections on parts of the Mass, we come upon a most popular and well-known prayer, the Our Father. I am sure, like me, you rattle off these words, not only at Mass, but perhaps as part of your daily prayer life. Let us take a look at what we are saying and the meaning behind those famous words.

Our Father – We begin this prayer professing that God is our heavenly Father. Where this appears in Scripture, Jesus instructs us to say "Our" Father, not "my" Father. This reminds us that we recognize those around us as children of God like us.

Hallowed be thy name – Hallowed is another word for holy. We are saying that we know God is holy, but we are asking that His name be recognized as the ultimate holy power that all will know as the one true God.

Thy Kingdom come – We are asking that God's kingdom of goodness, honesty and love surround us in our everyday life, and that we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise to return and grant us eternal life.

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven – We pray that we do all things to please our Father, even what is difficult, even big things, as well as small things.

Give us this day our daily bread – We recognize that all things we need come from God. We are asking that God continue to give us not only nourishment, but also the Bread of Life in the Eucharist.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us – This is a difficult one! God in His wisdom teaches us that in order for Him to forgive our wrongdoings, we must first forgive those who have hurt us. He is teaching us that when there is bitterness and anger in our hearts, there is no room for His love to fill our hearts. And lead us not into temptation – temptation and sin go together. When we come face to face with temptation, it can be difficult to resist. This is why we ask God to lead us away from temptations.

But deliver us from evil – There is much evil in the world which is so unfortunate. We pray to God to protect us against all that is evil. Amen.

PARISH OUTREACH



Thanksgiving Basket Program

*If you were assigned a basket,
please look for the Outreach table in the atrium where
you can pick up your shopping list and gift cards
after all Masses this weekend.*

Thank you
to everyone who signed up to create a
Thanksgiving basket for one of our Outreach families.
Once again, our volunteers outnumbered our need.

Thank you!!!

We hope you will give us a chance next year to assign you a basket.

REMINDER:

**Completed Baskets are due
Sunday, November 17th, from 3pm-5pm.
Our families will be picking up baskets
on Monday in the morning
and throughout the day.**

Please make every effort to have your basket here on the 17th. Thank you!

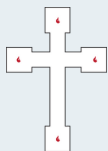
Monetary Donations in Support of this Outreach Program

Cash, Check, or Supermarket Gift Cards are greatly appreciated
to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket Program.
You can mark your envelope "Thanksgiving" and drop it in the
collection basket or bring it to the Outreach office.

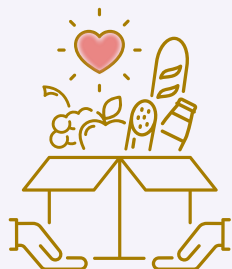
*We thank you for your continuing support
of our Outreach ministry.*

*We are grateful for anything you can do to
make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."*





PARISH OUTREACH



Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.

The collection will be this weekend, November 2 & 3.

Coffee - Tea
Juice - bottles of juice and/or juice boxes
Mayo - Ketchup
Bars of Soap - Dish Soap
Laundry Soap (small bottle please)

*Thank you for checking
expiration dates before donating.*
Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry.
We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!



*This Bereavement Group is for
anyone dealing with grief.*

HOLIDAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet on Wednesdays
from **1:30PM - 3:30PM** on the following dates:
November 6th, November 13th and November 20th

For those who are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world at any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this time. You may be able to put the rainbow back in your life.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call Outreach at 631-265-2200 by November 4th to register.

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



Local Outreach - Can you help?
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND has reached out to parishes across Long Island. They are asking for Winter Donations for all four of their centers. They are in need of gently used and new winter clothes for boys and girls in sizes Newborn through 4T, along with other baby care needs.

The four centers accepting donations are located in **Hempstead, Massapequa, Deep Park, and Smithtown.**

If you would like to help, please visit their website at **www.lifecenterli.org** for information on how to contact the centers, and other ways you can help. Thank you!

WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



Catechists Recognized for their Years of Service

Pictured, from left to right:

Fr. Michael Holzmann (Pastor),
Karyn Gillan, Bishop Robert J. Coyle,
Jennifer Miller (Coordinator of Religious Education),
Kimberly Arbocus, and Laura Albanese

***Congratulations to these catechists who have served over 10 Years.
They were recognized for their years of service on Sunday, October 27th,
at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Patchogue.***

St. Pius X Award honoring 10 Years of Service or more

**Kimberly Arbocus (14 Years), Amy Cusumano (14 Years), Michele Alderdice (12 Years),
Kristin Prete (11 Years), Laura Albanese (10 Years), and Maria Wenstrom (10 Years)**

Mother Cabrini Award for 35 Years of Service or more Karyn Gillan 36 Years of Service



Practice of Charity (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

A scribe tests Jesus, asking him about God's law. Jesus identifies the commandments: to love God with all of one's being and to love one's neighbor as oneself. This Sunday, we are invited to reflect on how we embody these commandments. Though to the point and seemingly simple, living these commandments can be a challenge in our daily lives; it is important to reflect on how we can be careful to observe them.

This week, consider what it means to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. How can you show your love for God in each of those ways?

Through the commandment to love our neighbors, we can love God. At the end of each evening, say a prayer for those you struggle to love. How can you invite God into difficult relationships?



WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to 2 training sessions and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the 2 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. It is a commitment to serve at Mass approximately twice a month.

Training will be held from 4:30pm - 5:30pm on Thursdays, November 14th & 21st.

Please call the parish office at 631-265-2200 to register.

If you are interested, but there is a conflict with training dates, please contact the office to accommodate your schedule.



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in October



Delilah Anahi Cepeda
Delilah Alicia Gentleman
Juliana Faith Iaquinto
Joseph William Jurlando
Aaron Edward Kuczewski
Henry James Kuczewski
Harper Leigh Langan
Paisley Marie Langan
Helena Leigh Michel

Madison Lina Miller
Jady Elvira Morocho
Carson Christopher Morrill
Gianna Rae Onorato
Ravyn Jade Puerto
Eva Rose Pusateri
James Michael Pusateri
Dean Andrew Tartaro
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LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej
For Scripture Reflection Series
on **JESUS and NICODEMUS**
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



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Gospel of John 3. 1-21

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



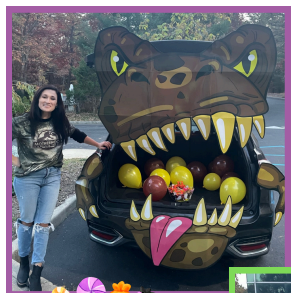
OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!



Families enjoying Trunk or Treat festivities last weekend



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS

If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, please email Angela & Susan at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org for more information.

Upcoming Community Service Events:
Youth members of our parish will be providing refreshments after Mass on the following weekends:

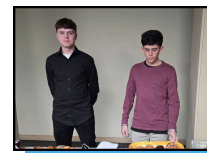
**November 23/24
and December 14**
5PM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses

Please register for this event to participate.

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at youthcc@holycrossrc.org and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

Sign up for Remind at: rmd.at/ycchc

Thank you to all of our youth volunteers who came to help serve complimentary refreshments at our monthly "Hospitality after Mass" this past weekend, including those who helped set up and clean up. We are proud of our teens!





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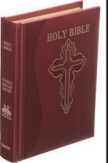
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