



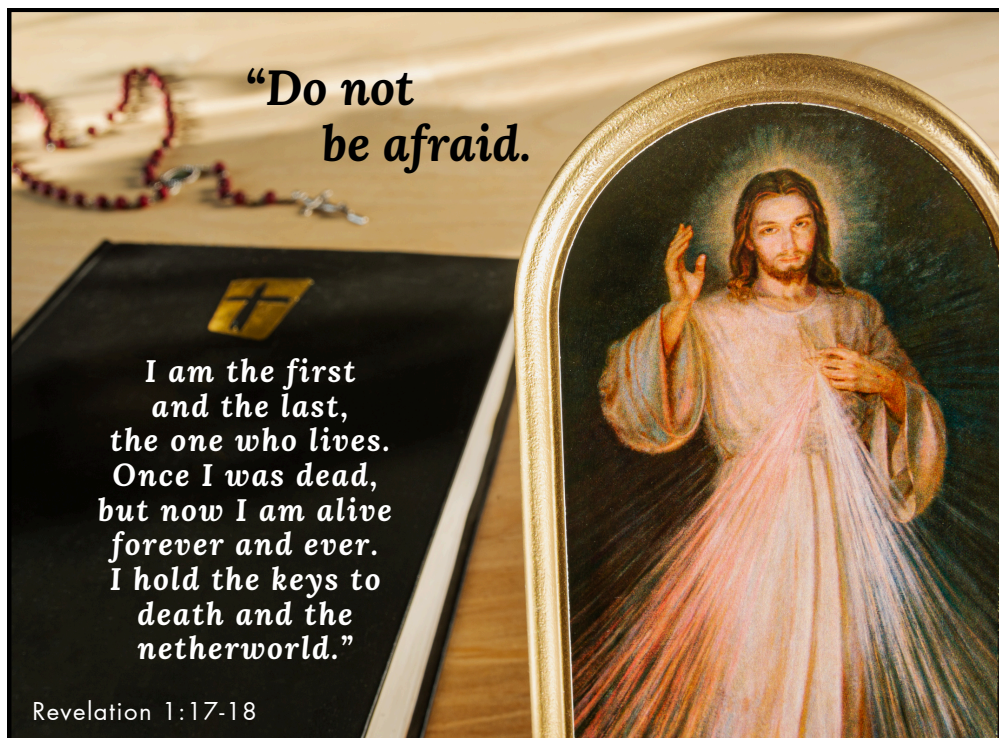
# Parish of the Holy Cross



*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.



## **Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 27, 2025**



## **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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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
9 AM - 4 PM  
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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

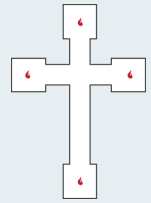


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for more information on how we can serve you.



## ENTRUSTED

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



Coming to the end of Holy Week and Easter Sunday always feels like the completion of an epic journey and a marathon. My prayer at the end of these days is that I hope my work and efforts were fitting and appropriate. It is humbling, gratifying, and at times overwhelming to realize that this great story of salvation has been entrusted to me to be brought to life within this faith community. If I wanted to make my life easy, all I would have to do is read the appropriate prayers at the correct time and all our celebrations would be valid. But there needs to be more. What can be done to allow the Spirit to be at work that it may touch the hearts of those who come here to pray? What songs shall we sing, how should we decorate, what aspects of the story will we emphasize, what message should be preached? So, in the weeks and months of preparation, the Spirit needs to be discerned to choose a path that will yield life in abundance.

This is not a one man show. It takes the effort of many people to put together all the moving pieces of this most holy week. I am grateful to the Pastoral Team, the Liturgy Committee and other parishioners who are drawn into this process of praying and living out the great days of our faith. There is a balance that needs to be maintained. First, make the telling of these stories meaningful and relevant to our lives. But, also, respect the prayer of the Church and cherish this great story that has endured throughout time and across the world. I pray that Holy Cross is a place that allows you to celebrate and grow in understanding of the gift of the Lord Jesus. How blessed we are to share in such a great story.

Today's gospel is at the top of my list as far as being a favorite. There are many reasons why I love this passage, but the most compelling detail of this passage touches all of our lives. When the Risen Jesus appears to his disciples, he still bears the wounds of his crucifixion. Although he has conquered death, he still has the scars that are a reminder of the cross he had to endure. All of us have scars because all of us have been hurt in life. Some scars may be a physical reminder of an injury or surgery. But many of the scars we carry are less visible because we carry them in our hearts. Sooner or later, everyone deals with a loss of one kind or another. The hurts of life can be real, and they can change our outlook on life. We all face fears and worries. Today's Gospel reminds us there is no cross we will face in this life that is stronger than God's ability to transform and heal. The wounds of Jesus become a symbol for transformation and resurrection. The same can happen in our lives. Don't allow your hurts to fill you with shame, anger, or despair. Allow Christ to touch your heart and allow it to be a place where you encounter the life our Savior brings.

The Easter season and Easter story continue to unfold. May we allow all that has been offered to us to touch our hearts. This story can change our lives, and this story can change our world. May we allow the power of the Risen Lord to fill our hearts and empower us to do good.



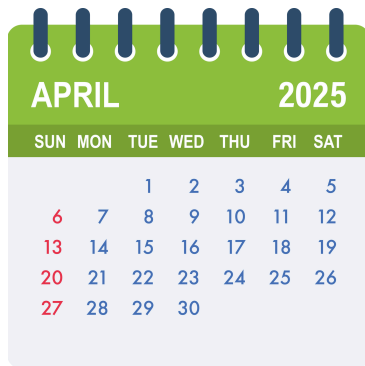
*Thank you for being a true shepherd in  
demonstrating Christ's love.*

*Rest in Peace.*

**Pope Francis**

*Jorge Mario Bergoglio  
1936-2025*





# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**MAY 3**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE**

**MAY 4**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**



**SCRIPTURE  
READINGS  
for MAY 4**

**+ Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**

**+ Revelation 5:11-14**

**+ John 21:1-19**

**Saturday, April 26th..... PRE-CANA WEEKEND**  
**9:00AM - 5:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area**

**Saturday, April 26th..... YCC HOSPITALITY**  
**After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium**

**Sunday, April 27th..... MYSTAGOGY**  
**10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, April 27th..... BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM, Worship Area**

**Tuesday, April 29th ..... IN STITCHES**  
**10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Tuesday, April 29th ..... FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE**  
**6:00PM OR 7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium**

**Wednesday, April 30th ..... SENIORS**  
**11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium**

**Wednesday, April 30th..... BEREAVEMENT**  
**1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, April 30th..... GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER**  
**1:30PM, Chapel**

**Wednesday, April 30th..... KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE**  
**7:00PM, Atrium, Chapel**

**Thursday, May 1st..... SCRIPTURE STUDY**  
**10:00AM, Atrium**

**Thursday, May 1st..... KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE**  
**1:30PM, Atrium, Chapel**

**Thursday, May 1st..... WOMEN'S PRAYER**  
**7:00PM, Worship Area, Chapel**

**Saturday, May 3rd..... FIRST COMMUNIONS**  
**10:30AM & 1:00PM, Worship Area**

**Saturday, May 3rd..... HOLY HOUR**  
**3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area**

**Sunday, May 4th..... ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area**

**Sunday, May 4th..... CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, May 4th..... BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM, Worship Area**

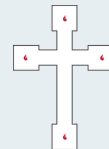


Next weekend at the offertory we will also be collecting  
for Catholic Elementary Schools.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

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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, April 27

#### 9:00AM Masses:

**Mon.** Favicchio Family

**Tues.** Barbara & Bill Burger (living)

**Wed.** Mildred Kane

**Thur.** Gerald Turner

### Saturday, May 3, 5PM Mass

Nanchine McManus, Elisa Keena,  
Louis Follo, Jane Daly,  
Tammy Sayres, Pat Mennella

### Sunday, May 4, Masses

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**9:30 AM** Gloria Posimato, Manuel Coelho,  
Francisco Veloso, Christopher Revere

**11:30 AM** Robert Riccardi

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

Bob Alderdice  
Theresa Arzillo  
Alejandro Astegiano

Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Cole Brennan  
Judy Carlson  
Hank Champagne  
Mary Champagne  
William Ciccarelli  
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus  
Grayson Danielski  
Anthony DeGennaro  
Manuela Diaz  
Ann Egan  
Vincent Esposito  
Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
James Greene  
Linda Heinrichs  
Ralph Hughes  
Ryan Huscher  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Caroline Lazar  
Carol Leahy  
Victor Lewandowski

Jo-Ann Loh  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Viola Malek  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Steve Matonti  
Olivia Melia  
Loretto Narducci  
Andrea Nocito  
Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Carina Ranieri  
Rob Remhild  
Liam Richards  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Jacqueline Santamaria  
Louise Scagnelli  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Sue Southard  
Bill Tanner  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns  
Emma Zeidman



Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times in every  
way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16



*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.**

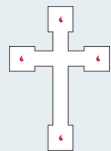
## Banns of Marriage



Megan Connor & Benjamin Reese  
Taylor McDonough & Lucas Gallo

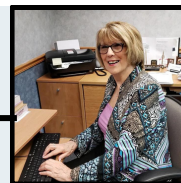


Sunday, May 4th,  
will be the next date that  
the Anointing of the Sick  
will be offered  
after the 9:30 AM Mass



# EASTER FOR 50 DAYS!

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Children are not the only ones among us to experience pure joy and want it to last. Surely the first disciples experienced it with Christ's Resurrection. It is the same joy we sometimes see on the faces of the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil. It is a joy that cannot be contained in just a moment. This is why the Church, from as early as the third century, let the Easter joy overflow into a 50-day season from Easter to Pentecost.

Our ancestors found great symbolic meaning in these 50 days of Easter. For example, 50 days is seven weeks – a week of weeks plus one day. That extra day was the Eighth Day, the same name they gave to Sunday – the day of resurrection, the day that symbolized eternity. Fifty days is also just about one-seventh of the whole year. This is why the 50 days of Easter are known as the Great Sunday of the entire year.

While 50 days of joy seem hard for us to sustain today, the season still has meaning. It is the time when we are meant to experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It is the season when we hear and ponder the beginnings of our Church, the gifts of the Spirit, and the meaning and mission of discipleship, on what joining in the Eucharist commits us to be and do. For no matter how glorious this 50-day taste of the heavenly banquet is meant to be, God eventually calls us out of the celebration and reminds us to move on and live what we have celebrated in all the moments of our lives.

*Have a joy-filled week ahead!*



## Practice of Hope

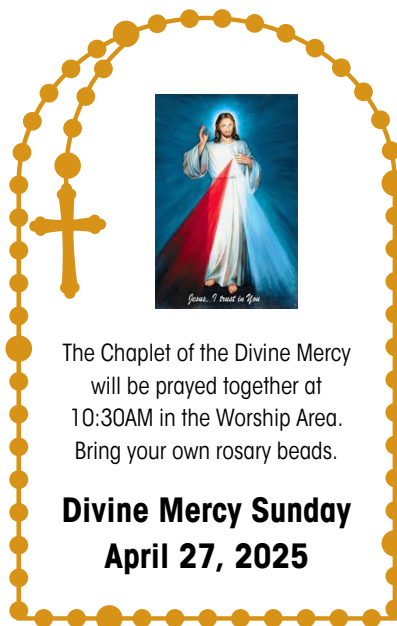
(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")

As we end the octave of Easter, we contemplate the mystery of the resurrection in the light of God's infinite mercy. The richness of God's mercy radiates through today's Scriptures and especially in Jesus' compassionate response toward Thomas' unbelief. The gift of mercy is explicitly given when Jesus commissions his disciples as ministers of divine mercy.

During the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska and declared that the universal Church would henceforth observe the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pray the chaplet of divine mercy. If possible, visit a local shrine to divine mercy.

Is there someone you know in need of your compassion or forgiveness? Pray for the Easter grace to show them your mercy today.

Read and pray with *Misericordiae vultus* (*The Face of Mercy*), the letter Pope Francis wrote for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



## Children's Liturgy of the Word



**Every 1st and 3rd  
Sunday of the month  
at the 11:30AM Mass**

JOIN US  
on Sunday, MAY 4th.  
Children in Kindergarten  
through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



## ***Easter Flowers in Honor/Memory of...***

***We remember and pray for all our loved ones -  
those living and those who have gone before us.***

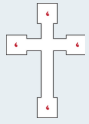


Kelly/May Family  
Paul Kruk  
Ted Kruk  
Pauline Kruk  
Marie Morris  
Ed Morris  
Rosalie Sayles  
Jason Jerome  
Santo Minutoli  
Genevieve Minutoli  
Josephine Militello  
Peter Militello  
Capt. James V. Amature Jr.  
Frazier Family  
Sokol Family  
Ann Zimmermann  
Al Zimmermann  
Mary Brillaud  
Al Brillaud  
Joan Shin  
Dennis Shin  
John Barsanti  
Stan Adamkiewicz  
Stephanie Adamkiewicz  
Larry Shin  
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Michael Knipper  
Margaret Maher

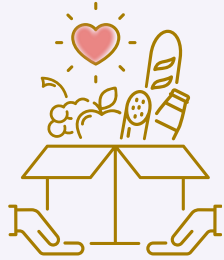
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Malazdra Family  
Diane Jones  
James Michael Cerone  
John Cook  
Rivera Family  
Yuvienco Family  
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Joseph Babington  
Maureen E. Jost  
Ann Yager  
Harold Yager  
Gaspar Lombardo  
Mary Lombardo  
George F. Raplee  
Evelyn Maccaro  
William Maccaro  
Glenn Raplee  
Pitkanen Family  
Huscher Family  
Marianna Kojs  
Jan Kojs  
Zofia Gil  
Jan Drabik  
Joseph Martin  
Jacob Lamm USMC  
Mary Cirone  
John Abruzzio  
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Officer Vincent Pelliccio  
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Dominick Cardone  
Angie Frangosie  
Joe Frangosie  
Tony Frangosie  
Sokel Family  
Scholl Family  
Jelinek Family  
Edwards Family  
John E. Armstrong  
Joseph P. Armstrong  
Charles J. Armstrong  
Connie MacLeese  
James MacLeese  
Kenneth Barchi  
Marge Barchi  
Dolores Caminiti  
All Family Members  
Thomas Harris  
Theresa Carofano  
Rocco Carofano  
Antonia Minerva  
Vito Minerva  
Jean Basile  
Pasquale Basile  
Margaret Sullivan  
Edward Sullivan  
John E. Cook  
Sr. Maureen Cook  
Manette Cook





# PARISH OUTREACH



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

**The collection will be next weekend, May 3rd & 4th.**

**Pancake mix - Pancake syrup - Shelf stable milk - Juice  
Coffee - Fruit in a can - Snacks - Mayo - Chicken in a can  
Jelly - grape and strawberry - Sauce (no pasta please) - Bars of soap**

*Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.*

*Thank you for your continued support!*



## Food Drive 2025 Thank You

At a time when the need has grown for food assistance on Long Island, our generous community has come through again with their generous support of our Long Island Cares Food Drive. Below is an excerpt from a letter recently received from Long Island Cares.

*"Thank you for your gift of 740 pounds of goods, baby supplies, personal essentials, and pet food received on 04/01/2025. Your generosity supports the 280,000 individuals, including 58,500 children, who are food insecure on Long Island."*

*"Your donation is vital to Long Island Cares carrying out its mission and continuing to help our neighbors in need. Rising cost in food prices has affected Long Island Cares' ability to procure food and supplies as effectively as we have been able to do in the past. Your gift helps to lessen the burden our fellow Long Islanders are experiencing right now and allows for peace of mind for individuals and families who do not know where their next meal is coming from."*

**We are truly grateful and proud of our parishioners, who always go the extra mile to help those in need.  
Thank you, as always, for your support.**

**Parish Outreach**



We will meet on  
**Tuesday,  
May 13th,  
1-3PM**  
in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewers create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

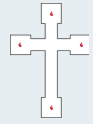
If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

*All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer?*

*Our ministry leaders will help guide you as you work alongside others.*

**If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631- 265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend.**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## **Level 2** **Communion Practice** **for MAY 3rd Communion**

**Tuesday,**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

if your child's Communion is

**May 3rd at 10:30am**

or

**Tuesday,**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

if your child's Communion is

**May 3rd at 1pm**

## **Level 2** **Communion Practice** **for MAY 10th Communion**

**Tuesday,**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

if your child's Communion is

**May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

or

**Tuesday,**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

if your child's Communion is

**May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**



God Bless the Children  
who are making their  
First Holy Communion  
this week

Parish of the Holy Cross Religious Education

## **Catechists Needed for 2025-2026**

*We are seeking volunteers willing to share faith with our parish children.*

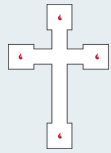
**Special Need Catechists**, Mondays 4pm -6pm

**Level 2** Catechists for the following areas –

Cherokee, Wenonah, Bretton Woods, Mills Pond, Hiawatha, Slocum and Cayuga

**Level 3** Catechists, **Level 4** Catechists, **Level 6** Catechists, **Level 7** Catechist

For more information, please contact Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education Office at 631-265-2200



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



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\*\*based on Double Occupancy

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13 meals, Airport Transfers

**Information Evening  
Tuesday, May 13 @7:00PM  
in the Atrium**



\*Map is for reference purposes only.  
It does not indicate the touring locations.

## “Let there be Light” Update

*Thank you for your kind and generous support as we continue to work  
towards our goal of funding this essential improvement..*

You can find envelopes for the “Let there be Light”  
fundraiser in the atrium, or you can do a direct  
donation using the Venmo or PayPal QR code.



If you have any questions, feel free to  
contact the Parish Office.  
*God bless you and Thank You for  
being part of “Let there be Light.”*



« Total Cost of Project  
**\$98,200**

« We have Raised  
**\$47,699**

\*Numbers are current  
at time of printing

**We have reached  
48.5% of our goal!**



# 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 through March, April and May
- Drawing will be held MAY 28TH

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!**



## Spring Cash Fling

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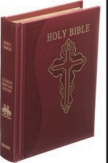
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