



# 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.



**29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 20, 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



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Evening Hours by Appointment Only**

*Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.*

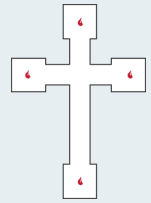
*-Psalm 33:20,22*

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for more information on how we can serve you.



# TIP TOE THROUGH THE FOREST

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



Monday was the Columbus Day holiday, and our offices were closed. I spent most of the day with two former colleagues from St. John the Baptist High School. We went for a delightful walk in Connetquot State Park. As much as I like traveling and exploring new treasures, there are still many gems on Long Island that I have yet to discover. It was my first time visiting the park. Although it was not sunny until later in the afternoon, it was a delightful day for a walk. The foliage was not quite at its peak, but still it was quite beautiful. There were plenty of chipmunks, ducks, swans, and even a hawk that greeted us along our journey.

We had little chit-chats with one another as we walked along and afterwards shared a lovely lunch. But it is silence that always strikes me as a blessing. The further we walked into the woods, the more the sound of traffic on Sunrise Highway faded away. Silence has the ability to cleanse the mind. It's not necessary to always be thinking or speaking. Solitude is a rich gift to embrace when the opportunity comes along. It is in those moments that it feels like God is chit-chatting with you. That spirit of serenity continued even after I got home. I took a delightful nap. Too often I turn on the TV as background noise to whatever I am doing. I spent the rest of the evening puttering around the house enjoying the silence. Ironically, on the day we remember Columbus, the great explorer who went far, my lesson was to stay close to home and let silence be my guide.

And, on a different note, there are times when there is great energy and activity that abounds around here. Last week I stuck my head in the Chapel just before the evening presentation of The Chosen was about to begin. There had to be over 30 parishioners gathered in circles and talking with one another. Two weekends ago, we had the Family Fall Festival which was a whirlwind of activity, particularly for our young families. We even have a Grandparents' Group that now meets (BTW, the next meeting is October 30.) It is exciting to witness moments when people are being fed on a deeper level that will help sustain them in the work and challenges of life. Holy Cross can truly be a source of life for so many.

The beauty of the woods and the energy of a faith community both come together in describing Holy Cross parish. How blessed we are to share this holy place together.

This weekend we are holding our fall pre-Cana program. These weekends are beautiful opportunities for the engaged couples to come to a deeper appreciation of the love they share for one another. I am always grateful for our team couples who share their own experience of married life in offering some wisdom and insight. If you have been blessed with a good marriage and would like to share some of your experience with our engaged couples, I would be delighted to talk with you.



# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**OCTOBER 26**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**OCTOBER 27**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 27

**+ Jeremiah 31:7-9**

**+ Hebrews 5:1-6**

**+ Mark 10:46-52**

**Saturday, October 19th** ..... **PRE-CANA WEEKEND**  
**9:00AM - 5:00PM**, Atrium, Worship Area

**Sunday, October 20th** ..... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**11:30AM Mass**, Fr. Joe Room

**Sunday, October 20th** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM**, Worship Area

**Monday, October 21st** ..... **REL. ED. CONGRESS MTG.**  
**7:00PM**, Atrium

**Monday, October 21st** ..... **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MTG.**  
**7:00PM - 8:30PM**, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, October 22nd** ..... **IN STITCHES**  
**10:00AM**, Fr. Joe Room

**Tuesday, October 22nd** ..... **DRESS A GIRL**  
**1:00PM - 3:00PM**, Atrium

**Tuesday, October 22nd** ..... **EUCCHARISTIC MIN. MTG.**  
**7:00PM**, Worship Area

**Wednesday, October 23rd** ..... **SENIOR GROUP**  
**11:30AM-2:30PM**, Atrium

**Wednesday, October 23rd** ..... **THE CHOSEN**  
**7:00PM - 8:45PM**, Atrium, Chapel

**Thursday, October 24th** ..... **WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE**  
**10:00AM**, Fr. Joe Room

**Thursday, October 24th** ..... **THE CHOSEN**  
**1:30PM - 3:15PM**, Atrium, Chapel

**Friday, October 25th** ..... **TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM**, Parking Lot

**Saturday, October 26th** ..... **THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP**  
**5:00PM Mass**, Atrium

**Saturday, October 26th** ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**  
**5:00PM after Mass**, Atrium

**Sunday, October 27th** ..... **THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP**  
**All Masses**, Atrium

**Sunday, October 27th** ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**  
**9:30AM & 11:30AM after Mass**, Atrium

Visit our website at [www.holycrossrc.org](http://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



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

Bob Alderdice  
Theresa Arzillo  
Alejandro Astegiano  
Jo Barry  
Kathy Barry  
Barbara Bombace  
Cole Brennan  
Dan Bryan  
Judy Carlson  
Hank Champagne  
Mary Champagne  
William Ciccarelli  
Jason DeLuca  
Manuela Diaz  
Ann Egan  
Vincent Esposito

Ralph Farino  
Yolanda Fattarusso  
Sienna Fricke  
Linda Giordano  
Linda Heinrichs  
Debbie Jablinowski  
Kristen Kennedy  
Roberta Lamb  
Caroline Lazar  
Carol Leahy  
Mary Lopez  
Gerald Losquadro  
Charlotte Lynch  
Viola Malek  
Jeanne Marie Malley  
Olivia Melia  
Loretto Narducci

Darin Pitkanen  
Patricia Pitkanen  
Carina Ranieri  
Rob Remhild  
Liam Richards  
Lynn Rodger  
Sean Romeo  
Elaine Ruane  
Louise Scagnelli  
Casey Schultz  
Kathy Schwinn  
John Serri  
Celeste Sichenze  
Bill Tanner  
Grace Van Epps  
Peter Warns  
Emma Zeidman

**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.**

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, October 20, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Carmen Quiles  
**Tue.** Julianna Steinberg (living)  
**Wed.** Matthew Fiore (living)  
**Thu.** Cecil Glassman

### Saturday, October 26, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Patrick Keena Jr.,  
Marie Guarino, Gwyneth Morris, Ruel Morris

### Sunday, October 27, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Manuel Coelho, Carol DelGiorno,  
Anne Amoruso, Anne & Paul DiGregorio  
**11:30 AM** John Cione



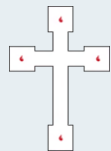
Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times in every  
way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16



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





# UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Last week we reflected a bit on the Creed, our Profession of Faith, that we say at Mass each week. Today, we move onto the general intercessions, Prayer of the Faithful (as it was once called), presently referred to as the Universal Prayer.

This prayer was instituted by the second Vatican Council as a way for the people to take part in the intercessions for the Church, civil authorities, for those oppressed, for all of us, and for the salvation of the entire world.

It really makes sense to have this prayer for all Christians to enter into by virtue of our vocation. At Mass, the world is not left behind. We pray for the Church and her leaders. We pray for the nation, that it may care for the common good. We pray for those who are suffering in the world through natural disasters, because of illness, loneliness and other sorrows. We pray for women and men of good will. We pray for everyone who might enter into the life of the Church.

The prayer is written with the community's needs in mind in a structured way. This enables us to recall the needs of the world before we pray at the altar. The Universal Prayer reveals to us our vocation as lay Catholics in the world. We are to bring everything to the altar of God. Our priesthood, which is baptismal and not ministerial, is a real intercession before God for the sake of the world. We are not creating intercessions that enable us to express our political position at Mass. Instead, we are really inviting God to transform everything in love.

Perhaps in preparation for next week's Mass, spend a few moments and write your own universal prayer. What did you pray for and why?

Have a blessed, prayerful, and safe week ahead!

# PARISH OUTREACH



## Thanksgiving Baskets

*"When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them - some food, a place in our homes, our time - not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched..." - Pope Francis*

We invite you and your families to consider participating in helping a family this Thanksgiving season. We will again be supplying Thanksgiving dinners to people from our community who need assistance. Last year we were able to provide 47 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal. Once again, we look to our parish community for volunteers to help make this possible.

**\*Each volunteer will be responsible for buying and packaging the food for a basket. They will be given the suggested menu and shopping list with supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.**

This has been a long-standing tradition in the parish and the reason is simple. We want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in our Thanksgiving Basket Program. All families, no matter what their financial situation may be, are welcome to participate, shop, prepare a basket and send their best wishes to a family in need. You may not have the treasure, but you may have the talent and time to participate. By supplying gift cards to those who are assigned a basket, we are able to ensure EVERYONE is welcome to participate. For many families, the gift cards that are provided for shopping are given back/not used and returned to Outreach, but this is not required. We are grateful to all those who shop for our Outreach families and help to make our Thanksgiving Basket Program a huge success.

**The completed baskets will be brought to the parish Atrium on Sunday, November 17, between 3pm and 5pm. If you choose to bring it during Mass, please leave all parcels of your completed basket in the Father Joe Room, clearly marked with your assigned family number.**



We hope this program will offer those in our parish the opportunity to share with our struggling neighbors, making Thanksgiving a time of joy and blessings. Over the years we have seen many parish families embrace this project with creativity and enthusiasm. Our Outreach folks are always touched by the caring of the community of Holy Cross.

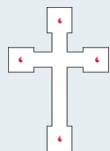
**Anyone interested in participating can sign up in the Atrium after the Masses on the weekend of October 26th and 27th.**

Donations of money or supermarket gift cards will also be greatly appreciated and very necessary to help defray the expenses of this program. Envelopes marked "Thanksgiving" can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.

*We are grateful for anything you can do to help make this a day of "Giving Thanks" for everyone in our community.*

Parish Outreach





# PARISH OUTREACH



We will meet on  
**Tuesday,**  
**October 22nd,**  
**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.**

## All Souls Mass of Remembrance 2024

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance.

This year, our Liturgy will be celebrated on the Feast of All Souls,

**Saturday, November 2nd,**  
**at 11AM in the Worship Area**

**All are welcome to join us for this special Mass**  
**which celebrates your loved one's place in the Communion of Saints.**



*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*



Join the Pastoral Team in attending the

# 2025 Religious Education Congress

## “Called to Compassion”

February 21-23, 2025 in Anaheim, California

The Religious Education Congress is an annual event which gathers participants from around the world. Various members of the Holy Cross Pastoral Team have attended several times over the past 10 years. It is a rich and spiritually powerful weekend. Although the title of the gathering is “Religious Education” the offerings touch many aspects of Church life and spirituality.

Our sharing in this event has enhanced life at Holy Cross. Many songs that we regularly use at Holy Cross such as “Hold on to Love” and “All are Welcome” come from Congress. Most recently, our “Fight My Battles” theme came from Congress. The opportunities to enrich your own spiritual life and that of our community are many.

The event will draw together over 20,000 people. The energy and excitement of so many people create a wave of hope and joy. Through workshops, Eucharist, and prayer our faith is celebrated and powerfully proclaimed. Please consider joining us.

*This is NOT a Travel Club offering. Anyone interested in going would make his or her own travel arrangements. (Fr. Michael is happy to assist with this.) Hopefully we could share in the same airport transfer and travel on the same flight and stay in the same area. We would attend events at the Congress as a group and perhaps have a group meal or other activity together. There is much to plan.*

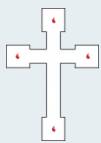
For more information, please attend the Information Evening:

### Information Evening

**Monday, October 21 @ 7:00PM**

*If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are still interested,  
please leave a message with Fr. Michael in the office.*



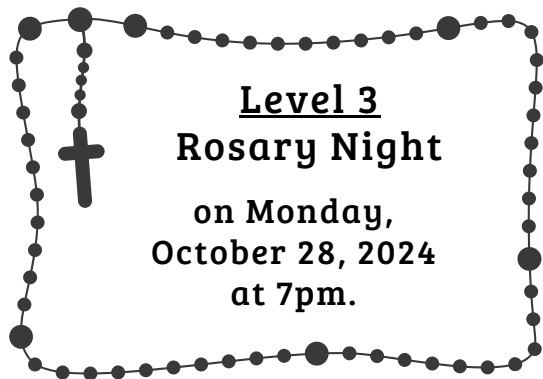


# WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



Religious Education classes began last week.

If you have not picked up your child's books yet, they can be found on the table outside the parish office. Thank you.



## Level 3 Rosary Night

on Monday,  
October 28, 2024  
at 7pm.



## Level 8 Confirmation Covenant Weekend

Please bring your  
Red Covenant Letter to Mass  
**Weekend of October 26th and 27th**



## Practice of Charity

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

As James and John ask Jesus to bestow on them great honor (who doesn't want to be honored with Jesus, even just a little bit?), Jesus graciously reminds them that greatness comes from being the servant of all.

Learn about radical service, including how the Church is working to serve those living in poverty and those experiencing socioeconomic distress, at the Catholic Campaign for Human Development website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>.

Think about someone who has gone above and beyond for you. How can you hold them in your prayer this week? What is something you can do to express your gratitude for them and the example they have set?

Who is someone in your immediate circle with whom you struggle, perhaps someone with whom you become indignant easily? How can you support them this week?



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call

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PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS PARKING LOT

Friday, October 25th  
6pm - 8pm

SCAVENGER  
HUNT  
GAMES  
PRIZES



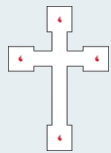
**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

Adults  
& Young Adults  
welcome to help!

Please contact Paula  
at:

[michael.reese68@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.reese68@yahoo.com)

or (516) 532-4040



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



## HOLY CROSS SENIORS

**Wednesday  
October 23rd**

**We are meeting in the Atrium  
from 11:30AM to 2:30PM**



## Banns of Marriage

————— ♥ —————  
Natalie Galvez & Russell McManus

## Women's Bible Circle



*Please join us when we meet on  
**Thursday, October 24th**  
at 10:00AM in the Fr. Joe Room*



## In Stitches

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

*We are meeting on OCTOBER 22nd  
and then every Tuesday from 10AM to 12PM  
in the Father Joe Room*

Contact: JoEllen May-Wadsworth (631) 360-1373  
EMail: [jpmclady@yahoo.com](mailto:jpmclady@yahoo.com)

# BLOOD DRIVE

**DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**

**Nesconset Fire Department**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**10:30AM – 3:00PM**

**25 Gibbs Pond Road**

**Busmobile**



Please scan the QR code to make an appointment.  
For further information contact Paul Collareta 631-265-1430.  
Walk-ins are welcomed if space permits.  
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID  
with name and photo.



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## Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.



**October 20, 2024**

Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics around the globe in supporting the mission of the Church in places where the faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generous contributions today will make a significant impact on the lives of many and help spread the Gospel message to all corners of the world. Thank you for your prayers and support.



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



## October 6th - The Blessing of the Animals



### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AFTER MASS HOSPITALITY

If you are a middle school or high school student  
looking for community service hours...

**Oct. 26/27, Nov. 23/24 and Dec. 14**  
*serving refreshments after*  
**5PM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses**

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

Sign up for Remind at: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc)



### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ALL SOULS' MASS CANDLE PROCESSION

**Attn: 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!**

**Saturday, November 2nd, 10AM - 12 Noon**

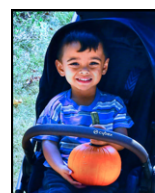
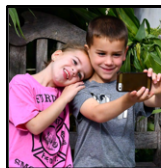
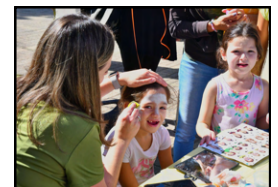
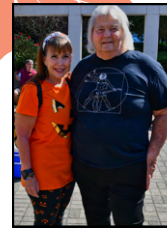
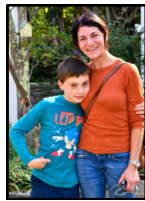
- (Practice is at 10:00, Mass begins at 11:00)
- Dress Code: Dress "Nicely." If possible, wear black pants/skirt and white shirt. No tee-shirts, shorts or flip-flops.
- Please note: This is a solemn Mass in which people remember their loved ones who have passed away. Students must be well-behaved and need to sit quietly through the Mass.

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at  
[youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org)  
and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.  
Sign up for Remind at: [rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc)



# Fall Festival Thank You!!!

*Thank you to everyone who attended the Family Fall Festival on October 5th.  
It was a beautiful day filled with fun, families and pumpkins!*



1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit."*



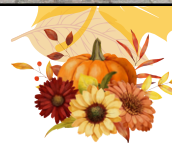
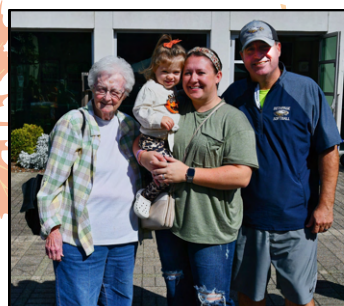
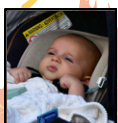
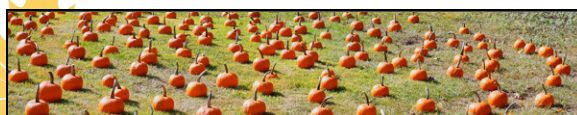
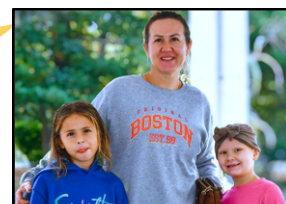




# Fall Festival 2024

ACTS 2:42

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and to prayer."







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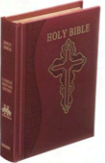
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