



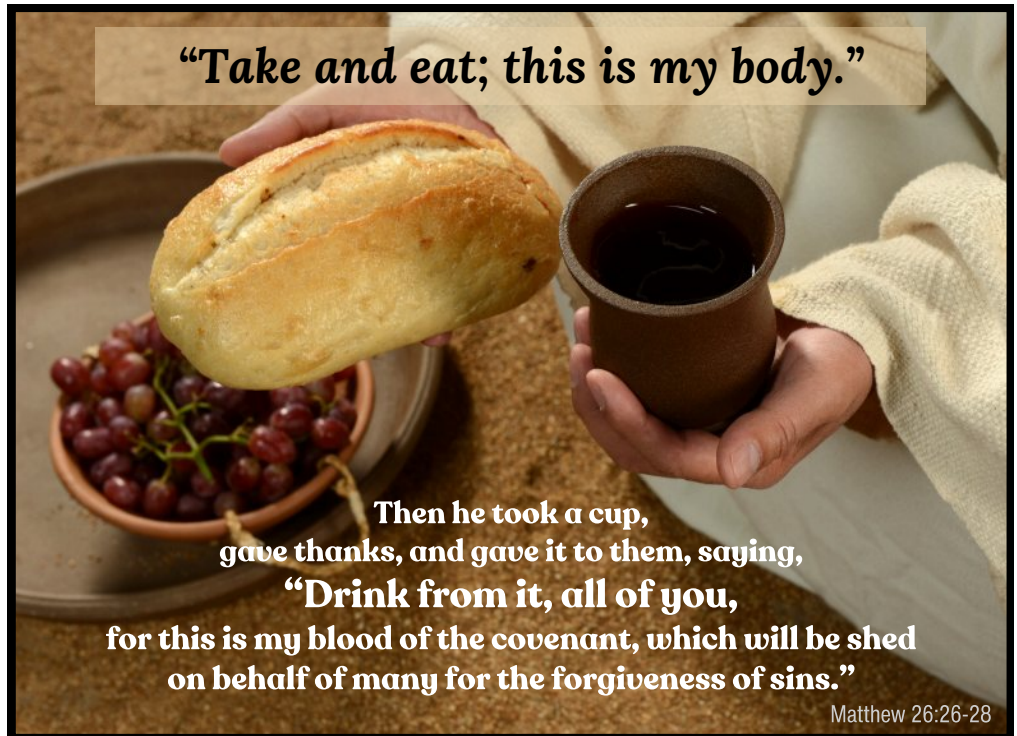
Parish of the Holy Cross



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.



Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.”**

Matthew 26:26-28

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - March 29, 2026



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

PASTORAL TEAM

- Reverend Michael F. Holzmann..... Ext. 115
Pastor
- Deacon Joseph Maffeo..... Ext. 124
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MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

**Parish Office
FRIDAY HOURS
9 AM - 12 NOON**

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



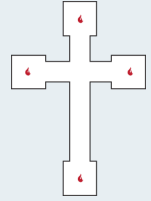
“Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.”
- Psalm 51:1

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



ENTER THE MOMENT

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



There are moments in life when we realize we are entering “something big”: the student who moves away to college for the first time; the bride and groom entering the church to celebrate their wedding; Mom and Dad realizing the birth of their first child is happening. With each of these moments there is an abundance of planning. There is anticipation of all that will be part of the experience. People may imagine in their minds how the details will unfold. In spite of all this forethought, the event itself has to be lived out and experienced. There will be an energy and life we cannot create, we simply need to receive it. As a parish community, and for each of us individually, this is where we find ourselves as we stand on the threshold of another Holy Week.

As you know, I like to be a tour guide. While I love traveling to fun and adventurous places, there is something even more exciting about leading people on a spiritual journey, one that takes place here in our own sacred space. Just as every good trip needs to have an itinerary, so too does Holy Week. It demands a well thought out plan and lots of helping hands. We do not need to create the story of salvation; that is given to us. But there are different aspects to the story that we can emphasize. This year I am planning to look at how the gift of compassion can be seen woven throughout the great stories of our redemption.

As you know, we are using the theme of “Called to Compassion” throughout this year. The subtitle to that theme is “a calling, changing our world with God’s love.” What Jesus did on the cross changed the world. We have the ability to impact our world in a dramatic way when we tap into that same flow of love that allowed Jesus to embrace his cross. These days can be a font of life for us. These days can empower us to be a font of life to others.

Think about what you might do to make these final days of this holy season as prayerful as possible. Perhaps turning off the TV will lend itself to more reflective time. Purposefully choosing to spend additional time in prayer may open yourself to the power of these days. Don’t allow this sacred moment to float by unnoticed. When we realize we are in the midst of a great moment, the power is amplified. It’s not called “ordinary week.” Receive with gratitude what is offered and allow the power of God to envelop your heart.

All of the aspects of Holy Week are spirit-filled and profound. I would like to emphasize one moment that sometimes gets overlooked. Monday evening, we have a beautiful prayer opportunity that is experienced by a relatively small group. The annual Tenebrae service begins at 7:30PM. It is an evening of scripture and beautiful music with our own music ministry. The theme moves from light into darkness as we enter these most holy days. I encourage you to make every effort to be there. It is an inspiring evening.

The schedule for all activities can be found in today’s bulletin. Take note of the many opportunities for Reconciliation, particularly on Monday. I pray you can join us and allow the gift of these days to touch your heart.



2026

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

ON THE CALENDAR

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



APRIL 4
8:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL

APRIL 5
8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS for APRIL 5

- + Acts 10:34a, 37-43
- + Colossians 3:1-4
- + John 20:1-9

Saturday, March 28th CONFESSION
2:30PM - 3:30PM, Chapel

Monday, March 30th CONFESSION
2:00PM - 5:00PM, 5:30PM - 9:00PM, Chapel

Monday, March 30th TENEBRAE
7:30PM, Worship Area

Tuesday, March 31st IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, April 1st BEREAVEMENT
1:30PM - 3:00PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, April 1st GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S PRACTICE
4:30PM, Worship Area

THERE IS NO MORNING MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd.

Thursday, April 2nd MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
8:00PM, Worship Area

Thursday, April 2nd ADORATION AFTER 8PM MASS
Until 10:00PM, Chapel

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd.

Friday, April 3rd CONFESSION
9:00AM - 9:30AM, Chapel

Friday, April 3rd CHILDREN'S SERVICE
12:00 NOON, Worship Area

Friday, April 3rd LORD'S PASSION
3:00PM, Worship Area

Saturday, April 4th CONFESSION
9:00AM - 9:30AM, Chapel

THERE IS NO 5PM MASS AND NO CONFESSION ON HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4th.

Saturday, April 4th EASTER VIGIL
8:00PM, Worship Area

Sunday, April 5th EASTER MASSES
8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM Worship Area



The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:9

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, March 29

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Damien Pickel

Tues. Jennifer & Charles Miller (living)

Wed. James W. Corrigan Jr.

Thur. No morning Mass

Holy Thursday, April 2, 8PM Mass

People of the Parish

Saturday, April 4, 8PM Mass

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

Sunday, April 5, Masses

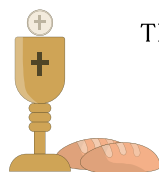
Easter Sunday

8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses

All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

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

Bob Alderdice
Alejandro Astegiano
Jo Barry
Kathy Barry
Alison Bilski
Cole Brennan
Laurie Bronzino
Veronica Buscemi
Judy Carlson
Michael Castellano
Mary Champagne
Peter Chirafisi
William Ciccarelli
Stephen Crawford
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus
Grayson Danielski
Anthony DeGennaro
Manuela Diaz
Peter DiMauro
Claudia DiPalermo
Ann Egan
Lisa Eger
Vincent Esposito
Ralph Farino
Yolanda Fattarusso
Sienna Fricke
Linda Giordano
James Greene
Linda Heinrichs
Ryan Huscher
Debbie Jablinowski
Kristen Kennedy
Caroline Lazar
Carol Leahy
Victor Lewandowski
Mary Lopez
Gerald Losquadro
Jeanne Marie Malley
Janet Mangano
Olivia Melia
Geraldine Muscarnere
Loretto Narducci
Andrea Nocito
Darin Pitkanen
Patricia Pitkanen
Colleen Prinz
Carina Ranieri
Bernardine Reichbach
Mary Ann Reilly
Rob Remhild
Marcello Ricciardi
Lynn Rodger
Sean Romeo
Elaine Ruane
Jacqueline Santamaria
Casey Schultz
Kathy Schwinn
John Serri
Celeste Sichenze
Todd Skala
Sue Southard
Bill Tanner
Calvin Tatone
Grace Van Epps
Peter Warns

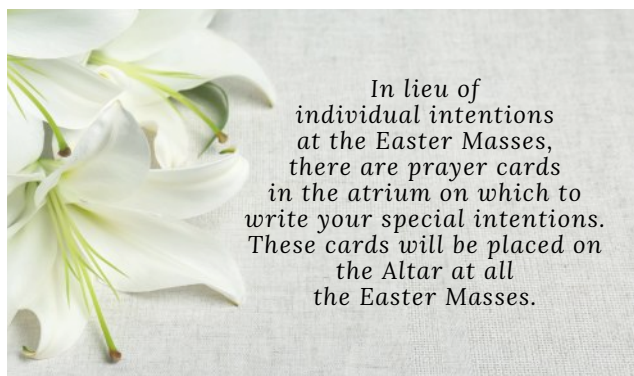


The **Bread and Wine** for the week
have been donated in honor of
Jennifer and Charles Miller
in celebration of their
25th wedding anniversary.

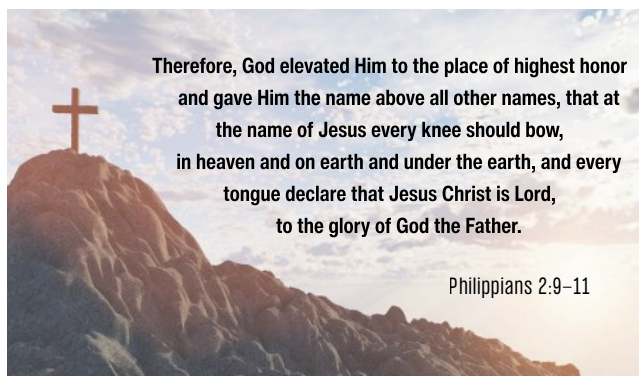


*We thank
the men and women
who serve in our military
for their service.*

**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.**

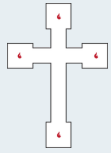


*In lieu of
individual intentions
at the Easter Masses,
there are prayer cards
in the atrium on which to
write your special intentions.
These cards will be placed on
the Altar at all
the Easter Masses.*



**Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor
and gave Him the name above all other names, that at
the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every
tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2:9-11



THE TRIDUUM



LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



Holy Week

The word **"triduum"** means three and it also is another liturgical season! Officially, Lent ends Wednesday, April 1st. We then begin the holiest of times for the Church: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.**

On **Holy Thursday** we will celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** when our senses are attuned to the procession and presentation of the Sacred Oils, newly blessed by our Bishop; singing the Gloria that we have not heard for six weeks, incense and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament which concludes the liturgy. This night we celebrate the priesthood and the institution of the Eucharist. You might realize that I did not mention the washing of the feet which is a normal part of this liturgy reminding us of the example that Jesus gave us and how each of us is called to "wash feet" by serving others. During this past year, we have all seen this beautiful example lived out by many in a variety of ways. Even though we are not able to include this ritual this year, we need only recall the beautiful ways of service shown to us and how each of us is called to keep this way of life as a natural part of our lives.

Moving onto **Good Friday** we're shown a totally different visual as we enter the stark, subdued environment of the Church building. The liturgy picks up from yesterday and begins in silence. There is a lengthy prayer of intercessions and silent prayer. The emphasis is on the cross, and those in attendance have the opportunity to venerate this sacred symbol of our salvation. The Eucharist that was consecrated the night before is distributed to those in attendance. The music is solemn and usually includes the ever familiar "Were You There."

Similar to Good Friday, the **Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)** liturgy begins in silence where the fire is prepared, as well as the Paschal candle. The Church is in darkness as the candle (the light of Christ) is brought into the Church in procession.

Scripture readings are proclaimed telling the story of salvation history. The Gloria is sung, lights are turned on and bells are rung! We welcome the Gospel reading with the Alleluia that has been buried these past six weeks! Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia we sing. It is also at this liturgy that adults wishing to become Catholic celebrate these very special moments. Some receive all three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and some already baptized receive Confirmation and Eucharist. It is a very beautiful experience for the parish community to witness this each year and welcome our new members to the parish family.

Even though these three days are not like holy days of obligation, attendance is a must as these moments are life-giving celebrations of our beautiful Faith in Christ Jesus! If you never have been able to attend, why not try to get to one of the three this year. Trust me, you will not be disappointed!

Have a safe, blessed, and healthy week!



For the Ride Home..... a Gospel Reflection for families

What did you hear today in the Scriptures?

Today is the start of a very special week in the Church called HOLY WEEK.

We remember today how Jesus enters Jerusalem and was treated like a King as people waved Palm branches honoring Him. If you have ever attended a parade, you know how exciting that can be. This is what took place for Jesus. The Gospel today is very long because it tells us what happened to Jesus those last few days of His life. It is a sad story but also a story of hope. We hear about people in this story that made bad choices like Judas and even Peter. But Jesus always forgives us when we are sorry. He never stops loving us.

As you leave Mass today, carry Jesus in your heart. Keep a piece of palm in your room remembering what Jesus did for all of us. As we prepare for the great feast of Easter, ask your parents to bring you to one of the Holy Week services like Holy Thursday night – the Mass of the Lord's Supper - or Good Friday when the Stations of the Cross are reenacted. These services really help us to understand how much Jesus loves us and how special this time of the year is for us as Catholics.

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS



Saturday, March 28th
at the
5pm Mass

Special Re-enactment of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- The congregation is asked to gather in the courtyard.
- Palm will be distributed to all upon arrival.
- Mass will begin in the courtyard (weather permitting).
- For those who are unable to remain standing outside in the courtyard, one of our Ushers will help find you a seat in the Worship Area.
- At the conclusion of the special opening prayers, the solemn procession into the Worship Area will begin.



TENEBRAE

Jesus, Light of the World



Tenebrae is a candlelight prayer service held in anticipation of our holiest week.

During **Tenebrae** (which means darkness), the candles are gradually dimmed as we experience **the Passion of Jesus Christ** through Scripture readings, meditations, and beautiful music.

We encourage all parishioners to join us for

Tenebrae
on **Monday, March 30th, at 7:30PM**

as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week.

Holy Week for Children

Children's Good Friday Prayer Service
April 3rd at 12:00 Noon



During the holiest week of the Church year, we remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday. Children and their families are invited to commemorate this important day at a special prayer service, designed especially for our youngest parishioners.

Join Us...

bring your family,
bring a friend.
Let this holy day
deepen your
appreciation of God's
great love for us!

This service will be
live-streamed.



PARISH OUTREACH



HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

Newly Bereaved

Come join us as we work together and share this journey.
All are Welcome.

Are you grieving the loss of a partner? Struggling to find your way through daily life?

We all experience grief in our own unique way. When someone you love dies, your world suddenly changes, and you find yourself challenged to find new ways to live in it.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 1st, the Parish of the Holy Cross will be offering a **6-week support group for those who have lost a spouse or partner.**

Support can help and make a real difference. Connecting with others to share stories, learning ways to cope all while receiving comprehensive, evidence-informed bereavement support and education can help with the grieving process and to gain ways to move forward.

The group will meet for six (6) consecutive Wednesdays, April 1st - May 6th, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.

If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200.
You must register before April 1st.



Food Drive 2026 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 916 pounds of goods, baby supplies, personal essentials, and pet food received on 03/17/2026. Your generosity supports the 313,800 individuals, including 71,000 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

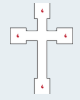


Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.
The collection will be the weekend after Easter, April 11th & 12th.

**Pancake Mix - Syrup - Boxed Potatoes
Fruit in a Can - Rice - Bars of Soap**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating. Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS



OUTREACH & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HANDS OF COMPASSION



How it works:

To help, we are asking each grade to donate their assigned pantry item and return it on their assigned weekend.

We are only asking for one item per student.

Please see the list below for your grade's assigned item and weekend:

Grades 2 & 5

One (1) can
of vegetables
(any kind)

2/28 - 3/1

Grade 3

One (1) jar
of
grape jelly

3/7 - 3/8

Grades 1 & 4

One (1) jar
of
mayo

3/14 - 3/15

Grades 6 & 8

One (1) jar
of
pasta sauce

3/21 - 3/22

Grade 7

One (1) bottle
of juice
(non-refrigerated)

3/28 - 3/29

After you place your item in the wagon, please write your name on a paper hand and leave it on the table so we can place it on the Hands of Compassion board.

Thank you, in advance, for making Outreach families a part of your Lenten Journey.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

Masses:

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM (LS)

(LS) = Also Live Streamed

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Monday, March 30, 2026: 7:30 PM (LS)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Wednesdays in Lent: after 9:00 AM Mass

Saturdays in Lent: 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM*

*Saturday, March 28: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Monday, March 30: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Holy Saturday, April 4: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026

Saturday 3/28/26: 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM (LS)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026

Children's Service - 12:00 Noon (LS)

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM (LS)

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

**No Afternoon Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

In the April 11th and 12th bulletin, we invite you to take an insert sheet of paper that will have the name of one of our Confirmation candidates.

We ask that you pray for that student by name during these next weeks before Confirmation which takes place on June 3rd this year.

During the month of May, we will have special mailboxes in the Atrium for you to place a "Congratulations" card, letting the candidate know you have been praying for them by name. On the day of Confirmation, the students will be given these cards.

We thank you for being a Prayer Partner for our young people.



No Religious Education classes will be meeting during the week of Holy Week - Easter Break.

LEVEL 8

Level 8 students, all work must be handed in no later than Wednesday, April 1st.



Catechists for our Religious Ed. Program

Catechists Needed for 2026-2027

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, Eugene Auer, Mt. Pleasant, and Hiawatha

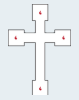
If you enjoy working with children and are available for 1 hour a week, please call Jennifer or Mary at the Religious Education office at 631-265-2200

Level 2



Part Two of the Mass Lesson to be held on Monday, April 13th at 7:00pm

Please bring your Mass book



Do you like to paint?
Have creative talent you want to use?
Want to help create a beautiful environment
for kids who are in a hospital?
Then this opportunity is for you!

Students in 5th grade
through 12th grade
are invited to
participate in YCC's
first Paint Party!

**20 SPOTS
ONLY
12 SPOTS**
LEFT!**

YOUTH PAINT PARTY

**TUESDAY MORNING
APRIL 7TH
11:30AM – 1:30PM
IN THE HOLY CROSS ATRIUM**

***YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE FOR THIS EVENT.**

YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WORKING WITH



**TRANSFORMING HOSPITAL SPACES
WITH THE HEALING POWER OF ART.**

art2hearts.org

Art for hospitals; hope for patients.

The Art2Hearts Foundation transforms pediatric hospital settings by bringing bright and colorful art to otherwise cold and barren spaces.

Youth volunteers who sign up* will help create art to be used in the hospitals that have partnered with Art2Hearts.

For additional information, join our Remind group:

[rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc)

or please email Angela at: youthcc@holycrossrc.org
to get a Sign-Up Genius Link



5 Adult Volunteers Needed.
Please sign up online.



You can help paint one 11" x 14" canvas
that will be sent to a hospital to brighten the space of a pediatric patient!

Pre-set designs to paint will be available, supplies are provided, (there will even be snacks!)

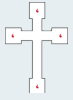
We just need you to make it happen!



Participants receive a community service letter for 2 hours of service.

For questions about this event, please contact Susan Ribeiro at: susanr@holycrossrc.org

****At time of posting, only 12 spots remain available. Go to Sign-Up Genius for most current availability**



PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Our parish is always in need of more Liturgical Ministers...

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Michael, as a letter on your behalf needs to be submitted to the Bishop's Office. Please check below for the Spring Training dates and sites. You must be registered for the class as no walk-ins are permitted.

If you have any other questions, please contact Michele Hall at: mhall@holycrossrc.org



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. **One must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Date and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training 2026

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A:**

Tuesday, April 21 - St. Elizabeth/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Monday, April 27 - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A:**

Saturday, May 30 - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Center; 9:00 am - 12 noon.

There is NO Lector Workshop offered at this session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor's nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Part B** - presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

These sessions will run from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Monday, May 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

Tuesday, May 26 - St. Elizabeth/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Open House
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 AT 1PM

MOLLOY UNIVERSITY
Register Today!
molloy.edu/openhouse26

**St. John the Baptist
Diocesan High School**
is holding an event

"A Taste of Education"
on Monday, April 27th
6PM in the SJB Cougar Cafe

Enjoy wonderful food
and drinks in support of SJB!

More information can be found
& Tickets can be purchased
on the school website at:

<https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/tasteforeducation>

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Parish Ministry Spotlight



Moms' Group



Pictured above are some of the members of Moms' Group

Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the Fr. Joe Room

"...having other women to meet up with to just talk with and share life with, was really nice."

Moms' Group began in the early days of Holy Cross when Sister Marion Snow created a space for mothers to meet together during the day once a month for friendship and spiritual connection. They would gather in the chapel to chat and then Sister would recite a reading or prayer and the moms would discuss what it meant to them while their little ones played beside them.

Over twenty years later, the group is still meeting, with some original and longtime members whose children were babies when they first met and are now embarking on adolescent and adult phases of their lives. The friendships that were formed among the mothers keep them returning to Moms' Group.

New members are always welcome! The group now meets in the evening, without children, for conversation, prayer, reflection and spiritual connection. Moms' Group is a safe space for mothers to connect with their faith and form new friendships with one another in the Holy Cross parish community.

Holy Cross Ministries

Sharing the gifts God gives us with others

For a full list of parish ministry descriptions, please visit our website at:
<https://holycrossrc.org/ministry-club-committees>



- Time
- Talent
- Friendship
- Leadership

Come Join Us!



Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

Palm Sunday calls us to proclaim the name of Jesus above all others and "confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." The events of this day invite us to reflect on the humility of Jesus and to make his sacrifice a model for our daily life. Jesus put the Father first in love and obedience. Jesus put the needs of the world before His own right to freedom and life. By giving up everything that was precious to him, Jesus gained redemption for the universe. How can you honor the One who has given you all you will ever need or desire? During Holy Week honor Jesus by:

Attending Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday.

Giving yourself to others this week. Visit the lonely, comfort the suffering, and give aid to the poor.

Forgiving someone who hurt you. Seek forgiveness if you have hurt someone else.

**Your kindness and generosity are appreciated in support of our parish and its ministries.
We are offering the opportunity to sign up for automated giving if you have not already done so.
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NOTES:

1- *This form will be seen by the Business Manager only.* You may mail it to the Parish of the Holy Cross or drop it at the office in a sealed envelope, **Attention: Karina D'Angelo.**

2- For any questions contact Karina D'Angelo by phone or email at **business@holycrossrc.org**



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 March, April, and May.
- Drawing will be held June 1st

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!



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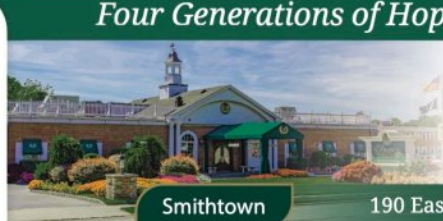
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