



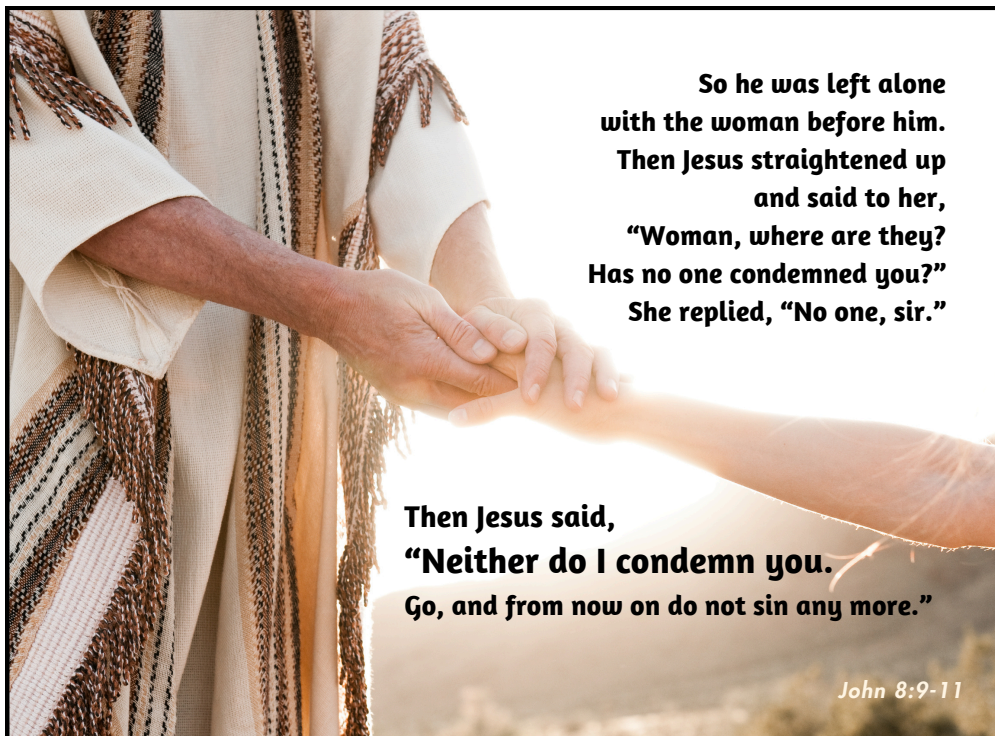
Parish of the Holy Cross



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.



So he was left alone
with the woman before him.
Then Jesus straightened up
and said to her,
“Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?”
She replied, “No one, sir.”

Then Jesus said,
“Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”

John 8:9-11

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6, 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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Reverend Michael F. Holzmahnn..... Ext. 115
Pastor

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
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9 AM - 12 NOON**

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Evening Hours by Appointment Only

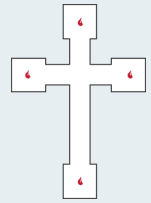


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HERE AND NOW

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



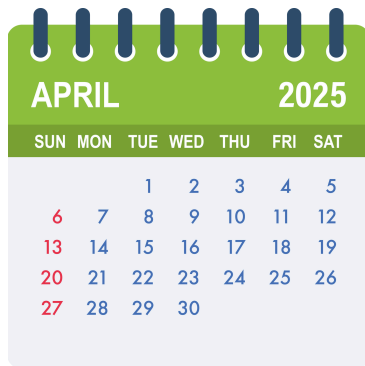
Although Easter is still two weeks away, in some ways we are beginning the final countdown to celebrating our most sacred days. Throughout the days of the Triduum, some of the music we will be using we have not used before. Much of this music comes from the Religious Education Congress in California that was attended by seventeen parishioners in February. We were introduced to some beautiful songs that will become a framework for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. The title for today's article is the name of one of those songs. In fact, each title over the next three weeks is the name of a song that will be part of our most solemn celebrations. They provide insight that may help us understand the ways in which these great stories touch our lives.

One of the greatest challenges of the spiritual journey is to live in the present moment. It sounds like an incredibly simple thing to do, but in reality it can be an enormous challenge. Our minds tend to move in one of two directions. We may be looking ahead, planning, worrying about, calculating what needs to happen later today, tomorrow, or who knows how far down the road. A lot of time can be spent in trying to sort out what lies before us. If we are not in the future, we are in the past. How often do we replay past events of our lives? Sometimes we celebrate the joyful moments, sometimes we lament the painful times. Sometimes we imagine what life would have become if different decisions were made. A lot of time can be spent looking in the rearview mirror of our lives. The unfortunate aspect to living either in the future or in the past is that, while we are doing that, we miss the only opportunity we have to do anything that is in the present.

Whenever we hear about "God's Kingdom," we think of what awaits a person after death. While there is some truth to that, Jesus taught time and time again that God's Kingdom is also here and now. There are times when the love, compassion, and joy we share with one another become a brief encounter with that kingdom in our midst. That idea is embodied in one line from the song that touches me most profoundly, "a glimpse of heaven's joy here and now."

"Here and now" can become a simple mantra that grounds us to the present moment. It may awaken us to the people and events that are before us and allow us to see how the hand of God is at work.

Not every moment will have that power and depth of divine revelation, but those moments can be real. In the coming weeks we are called to allow the days of Holy Week and Easter to become moments of understanding the great mystery of God's love touching our lives. As we journey through each of the days, ask the question of what part of Jesus' story touches my heart here and now. As the stories are told here in our parish, how does this place become holy ground that we are blessed to share in? It does not matter where you have been. It does not matter where you are going. The moment of grace is the very moment that is before us. May we delight in that eternal revelation of God among us. May we live our lives believing God is at our sides offering us love to be received and shared.



ON THE CALENDAR

Holy Hour, which normally takes place the first Saturday of the month, has been rescheduled to April 12th.

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



APRIL 12

**5:00 PM
FR. MICHAEL**

APRIL 13

**8:00 AM
FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM
FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE**

**11:30 AM
FR. FRANK / DCN. JOE**



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 13

+ Isaiah 50:4-7
+ Philippians 2:6-11
+ Luke 22:14-23:56

Saturday, April 5th..... CPR CLASS
10:00AM - 1:00PM, Nesconset Fire Dept.

Saturday, April 5th..... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TABLE
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, April 6th..... KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TABLE
After All Masses, Atrium

Sunday, April 6th..... BAPTISM GATHERING
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, April 6th..... ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, April 6th..... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, April 6th..... OCIA
12:30PM - 1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, April 6th..... BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area

Monday, April 7th..... LEVEL 6 SEDER
6:00PM, Atrium

Tuesday, April 8th..... IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, April 8th..... LEVEL 6 SEDER
6:00PM, Atrium

Wednesday, April 9th..... SENIORS
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium

Wednesday, April 9th..... BEREAVEMENT
1:30PM - 3:30PM, Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, April 9th..... TENEBRAE REHEARSAL
7:30PM, Worship Area

Thursday, April 10th..... SCRIPTURE STUDY
10:00AM, Atrium

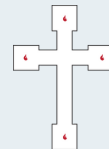
Thursday, April 10th..... COMMUNITY BUS
10:00AM - 2:00PM, Parking Lot

Thursday, April 10th..... WOMEN'S PRAYER
7:00PM, Worship Area, Chapel

Saturday, April 12th..... HOLY HOUR
3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area

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, April 6,
Fifth Sunday of Lent,**

9:00AM Masses:

Mon. Catherine Berdon

Tues. Erik DiOrio

Wed. Gabriella Neglia (living)

Thur. Debbie Hahn

Saturday, April 12, 5 PM Mass

John J. & Jane Daly, James E. Guiliano,
Frank & May McCutchen, Arthur Vilardi

Sunday, April 13, Masses

Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Lillian & Arthur Buckhout

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Pietro Dragotta, Debbie Hahn,
John Michael Sullivan,
Timothy Patrick Fleming,
Donald Kamping

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.



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

**We continue to pray
through 2025 for ...**

SSGT David Basler
Cpl Brian S. Brophy Jr., USMC
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas

*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!*

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

Bob Alderdice	Jo-Ann Loh
Theresa Arzillo	Mary Lopez
Alejandro Astegiano	Gerald Losquadro
Jo Barry	Viola Malek
Kathy Barry	Jeanne Marie Malley
Cole Brennan	Steve Matonti
Judy Carlson	Olivia Melia
Hank Champagne	Loretto Narducci
Mary Champagne	Andrea Nocito
William Ciccarella	Darin Pitkanen
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Patricia Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Carina Ranieri
Anthony DeGennaro	Rob Remhild
Manuela Diaz	Liam Richards
Ann Egan	Lynn Rodger
Vincent Esposito	Sean Romeo
Ralph Farino	Elaine Ruane
Yolanda Fattarusso	Jacqueline Santamaria
Sienna Fricke	Louise Scagnelli
Linda Giordano	Casey Schultz
James Greene	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Heinrichs	John Serri
Ralph Hughes	Celeste Sichenze
Debbie Jablinowski	Sue Southard
Kristen Kennedy	Bill Tanner
Caroline Lazar	Grace Van Epps
Carol Leahy	Peter Warns
Victor Lewandowski	Emma Zeidman

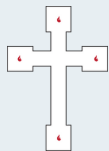
**If you would like to have the name of your
loved one listed in our prayers for the sick,
please call 631-265-2200 x122.**



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

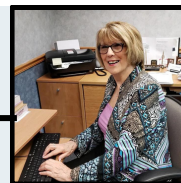
**Daniel E. Bryan
Philip J. Fitzpatrick
Stephen Florio
Paul Lore**

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



SOMETHING DIFFERENT

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



As we are moving through the season of Lent and keeping up with perhaps some personal changes in our lives, this week's reflection will focus on ways and opportunities to broaden our lives as Catholic Christians. This process has a formal name, that of Lifelong Formation. Since I see that our Religious Education ministry needs more Catechists for our young people, I thought a reflection on how to develop your faith life might also benefit those who serve in our parish program and maybe those who are thinking of joining.

Let's return to the term mentioned above: "lifelong formation." It is a process grounded in the Gospel which greatly assists us in following Jesus more closely and helps with our own spiritual growth and those events of our lives. These experiences, guided by the Holy Spirit and in communion with God and one another through the Church, help us to answer our baptismal call to live as missionary disciples through the seasons of our lives. Lifelong formation simply leads us to a deeper belonging in the life of the Church and in one's parish community. You might be asking, how do I participate?

Faith formation is intended for all people at different stages of their lives. By virtue of our Baptisms, we are called to live a mature faith. A great way to begin that journey is to volunteer as a Catechist for a small group of young people. Training and the Catechist's manual lay out lesson plans and background on each subject area. This experience, along with your own faith, can motivate you to want to know more.

We try here at the parish to offer programs to enhance significant parts of our faith, like The Chosen series, etc. Also, at times, we focus on the Sacraments and the Mass itself in this column. Please let us know other areas that might be helpful to you. Our Pastoral Team is here to be of assistance and guidance. Please pray about it as the final days of Lent are before us.

Have a prayerful, peaceful, and healthy week ahead!



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

What did you hear today in the Scriptures?

- Today we heard about Jesus' forgiveness in the Gospel. Think of a time when you experienced the forgiveness of the Lord, then think of ways you can extend that same forgiveness to others? It is not easy to do, but it is important to keep trying.
- After the experience of forgiveness in the Gospel today, which was a great thing, think of some great things God has done for you?

Gospel Reflection for our young people

- Today we see how easy it is to see the faults and mistakes of others before we see our own. Let us learn to practice forgiving others even when it is hard to do.
- We see Jesus giving the woman in the Gospel another chance. Have we ever given someone another chance? If not, let us try to remember the example that Jesus has taught us today in this Gospel story.

**FORGIVE
AND BE
FORGIVEN**



Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2025

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

Masses:
8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM (LS)

(LS) = Also Live Streamed

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Monday, April 14, 2025: 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

Monday, April 14: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 18: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Holy Saturday, April 19: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

Saturday 4/12/25: 5:00 PM Mass

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

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025

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

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

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2025

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

No Afternoon Confessions or 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

*We pray for our Candidate and
Elect as they continue their
preparation to celebrate their
initiation at the Easter Vigil*



Sarah Churchill



Tyler Caputo



Kevin Cardinale



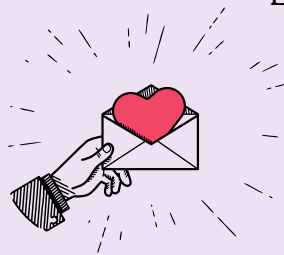
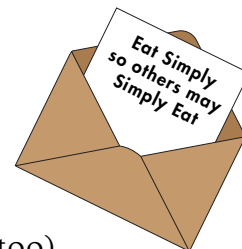
Jarrod Cagnone

Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat



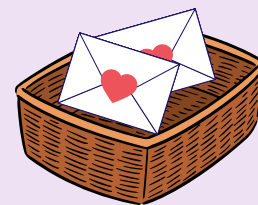
We wish to thank our parishioners for their support so far of the “Eat Simply” Program. Your generosity and spirit of prayerful sacrifice inspire us. We offer several more ideas for your Lenten journey:

- Brown bag your lunch
- Enjoy a soup and grilled cheese sandwich supper
- Order from the “dollar” menu
- Skip your cocktail or dessert at dinner
- Use tap water instead of bottles of water (better for the environment too)
- Buy store brands instead of name brand items



Envelopes are still available on the bulletin tables and can be returned through Easter Sunday.

The money you saved and donated to Outreach will be used to assist families in our area who struggle, enabling them to provide food and maintain housing for their households.



Thank you.

Parish Outreach

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

The collection will be this weekend, April 5th & 6th.



**Coffee
Tea
Potatoes (boxed)
Rice
Mayonnaise
Shampoo
Laundry Soap**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for your continued support!

Free health screenings Mobile Outreach Bus



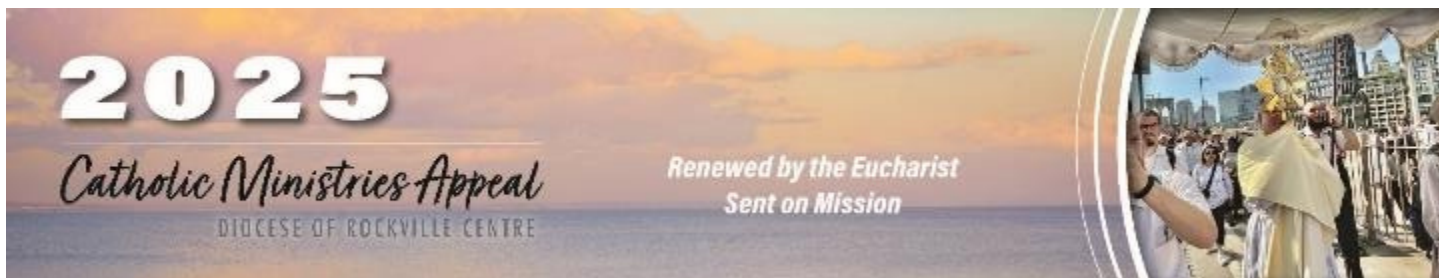
The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.

**Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Rd, Nesconset, NY
11767**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025
10am-2pm**

Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance



*“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need,
 sharing our spiritual and material goods with them.”*

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

*During the Lenten Season
 we are asked to pray, fast
 and give alms.*



Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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Address: _____

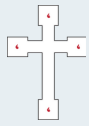
City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

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

CMA Brochures are located on the tables in the Atrium for your convenience.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Save the dates for the
Level 6 Seder

**Monday, April 7th
or Tuesday, April 8th
at 6pm
in the Atrium**



Practice of Hope

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

It is wisely said that we cannot know the heart of another human being. The religious leaders sought to test Jesus and trick him into judging the woman accused of public sin. Jesus responded by challenging every person in the crowd, and all of us, to look inward. The Gospel is given to us at this point in Lent because of its proclamation of compassion and mercy.

Fast from judging others; seek instead to view people with the eyes of compassion, as modeled by Jesus.

Reach out to someone who recently experienced heartbreak. Invite them to coffee or dinner and offer a loving, listening ear.

Remaining committed to the sacrament of marriage is not easy. The program Retrouvaille offers a lifeline to marriages in trouble and the possibility of healing through the paschal mystery. Search online for <https://www.helpourmarriage.org> to learn about the assistance offered to those struggling in their marriages.

WE GROW IN FAITH

Holy Week for Children

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.

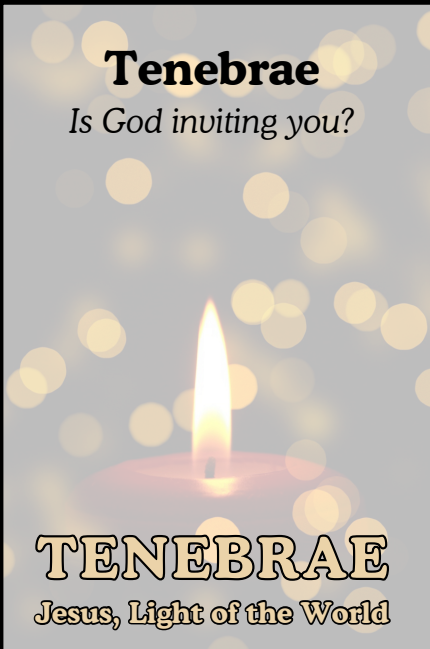
**Please join us at Holy Cross
for our
Children's Good Friday
Prayer Service
April 18th at 12:00 Noon**

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



LENTEN EVENT





Tenebrae
Is God inviting you?

TENEBRAE
Jesus, Light of the World

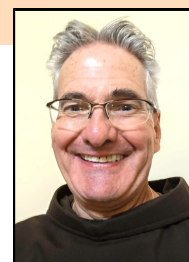
Tenebrae is a candlelight prayer service held in anticipation of our holiest week. During **Tenebrae** (which means darkness), the candles are gradually dimmed as we experience **the Passion of Jesus Christ** through Scripture readings, meditations, and beautiful music.

We encourage all parishioners to join us for **Tenebrae** on **Monday, April 14th, at 7:30PM** as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week.

Something Special for the Easter Season

Many of you are familiar with the wit and wisdom of Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, from the Mission he offered at Holy Cross last year, or from his DVD series, *"Catching Fire, Becoming Flame."*

We are pleased to announce that another opportunity to experience Fr. Albert's insights is coming to Holy Cross soon, through his follow-up series, ***"Keeping the Fire Alive"***



Fr. Albert

Who couldn't use a little encouragement and support on the Spiritual Journey?
Please join us for this DVD series which will include small group discussion.

Wednesdays		Thursdays
April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 4, 11	or	April 24, May 1, 8, 15, June 5, 12
7:00 - 8:00PM		1:30 - 2:30PM

(Attendance at "Catching Fire, Becoming Flame" is NOT a pre-requisite for this series)

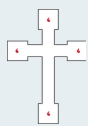
Please fill in (please print) and return this slip to the Parish Office by April 21st

"Keeping the Fire Alive"

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will attend: _____ Wednesday evenings _____ Thursday afternoons



PARISH COMMUNITY



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We welcome prospective members to join The Knights

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Knights of Columbus
will be selling chances and Easter magnets
after all Masses on **April 5th & 6th**
in the Atrium

Please stop by and
purchase chances and Easter magnets
to help support Holy Cross and other charities.



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Blessed Sacrament Council
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Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Flag Day Celebration Dinner *with Music*

Saturday, June 14, 2025

at

St. James Church of Setauket
Doors Open at 6:15 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

\$30 per person, \$55 per couple
\$250 for a Table of 10

Ticket Sales:

After Masses on the weekends of
May 11, 17, 24, and June 7th

PARISH COMMUNITY



Sunday, April 6th,
will be the next date that
the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered after
the 9:30 AM Mass



Holy Hour Saturday, April 12th

3:45pm - 4:45pm
in the Worship Area

Next week at the offertory,
we will also be collecting for our
Renovations and Major Repairs Fund.
Thank you for your continued support!



45th Anniversary Mass & Reception

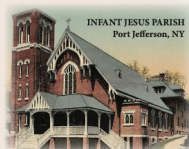
**Tuesday,
April 22, 2025**

**Mass at
7:00 pm**

**St. Charles
Hospital
Chapel**

**Followed
by a**

**Reception at
Infant Jesus
Parish**



Rsvp

by calling the
Development
Office at
631-473-8796
or email
**hhmdevelop@
optonline.net**



Holy Cross Welcomes these Children Baptized in March



Riley Kate Aliperti
Sophia Christina Arena
Violet Mae Brown
Gavin Michael Budney
Hallie June DeTurris
Natalie Marie Drasba
Sarah Michelle Khalid
Brynley Suzanne Lamanna
Raegan Grace Light
Wolfe Frederick Loew
Matthew Bernard McGrath IV
Josephine Rose Nilsen
Lia Rae Perrone
Shay Rose Perrone
Harper Anne Phelan
Daniel Thomas Russo
Lily James Trentowski
Mackenzie Anne Welsh



Ladies of Holy Cross,

Join us for Women's Prayer
this **Thursday, April 10th**
7:00 PM in the chapel.

*As we continue the Lenten journey,
join us for peaceful music & quiet reflection.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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



Due to Easter falling on the third weekend in
April, there will be no Children's Liturgy on the
third weekend this month.



Since receiving word that I would be staying an additional year at Holy Cross, I immediately started to ask myself, “Where should we go next?”

I plan on offering an overnight trip to the Lancaster area in the fall to enjoy a performance of “Noah” at the Sight and Sound Theater.

(Tentatively scheduled for November 13/14)

I’ll let you know as soon as those details have been worked out.

What about a longer trip?

I recently had a conversation with a representative from Collette Tours. My very first trip in 2000 was a Collette Tour. They offer some interesting itineraries.

Here are the ones that appealed to me:

Highlights of Norway

Iceland’s Magical Northern Lights (Winter)

Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice (Fall/Spring)

Sunny Portugal

Not up for a European trip, how’s about something domestic:

Branson/America’s Music Cities

Mackinac Island

Wisconsin Dells

Mexican/Caribbean cruise leaving from New Orleans

I would love to hear your suggestions and input as to where you would like to travel.

I’m hoping we would have enough interest to fill our own bus, but there are options for a smaller group to join with others.

Please fill out the slip below, including suggested destination locations, and return the slip to the parish office.

Name: _____

_____ I’m up for either an international trip or a domestic trip.

_____ I’m only interested in doing something domestic.

_____ I’m only interested in doing something international.

Suggestions please, where would you like to go? It does not have to be one of the locations listed above.



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:

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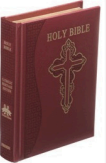
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