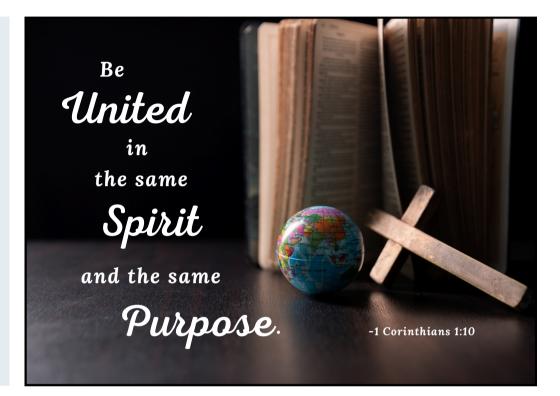


# Parish of the Holy Cross

## 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.



### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 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

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOLY CROSS

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

On January 21, 1988 Bishop McGann announced the formation of three new parishes in Suffolk County. They would eventually be named as Resurrection in Farmingville, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Lake Ronkonkoma, and of course, Holy Cross in Nesconset. Some of you who were sitting in St. Patrick's or St. Joseph's remember hearing that announcement. I wonder how much of an adventure you knew you would be in for as you were invited to be part of this holy undertaking. For those founding parishioners, it was an amazing experience of creating a new faith community. Extensive conversation and the lengthy process of sorting out many details of parish life led to what we now experience as a beautiful parish. I think I speak for all of us as we all feel blessed to be part of what we share in.

January 22 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade which opened doors to abortion being legalized. Recently, there has been progress made in impacting the availability of abortion, but it is still certainly part of life in our nation. On-going efforts are needed to address this in our legislation. The bigger issue that will always remain is the ability for people to identify, embrace and defend the gift of human life. We cannot limit ourselves to what the law of the land allows or prohibits, but as Christians, discern how the hand of God is at work in all things. The following is an excerpt from the opening prayer for Mass that day, "That we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life."

I'm dealing with an unusual issue with my car. I have a 2017 Nissan Rogue. A few months ago, I was driving my car down the driveway and thought I heard a slight "sloshing" sound as if there was water somewhere in the car. But as soon as I made my first turn out of the driveway it went away. A long dry spell followed, and the sound was not heard. We then started getting heavy precipitation, and the sound increased dramatically. My car now sounds like I'm in rinse cycle in a washing machine whenever it rains. My mechanic said I needed to bring it to an auto body shop. They diagnosed there is some wicked leak in the firewall which funnels water into the right passenger footwell. It is not an easy fix. The body shop said it may become an insurance issue as a flood claim. I don't understand how that would work, but I'll keep you posted.

I'm looking forward to developing the "Pilgrims of Hope" theme in the coming year. I'm trying to organize a formal opening for this Jubilee Year for next weekend. If all goes well, there should be a special opening procession at Mass including some of our children and colorful banners. Focusing on hope is something that will benefit all of us as there is something in all our lives where we seek new life and God's presence.



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26 27 28 29 30 31	Sunday, January 19thHOLY HOUR4:00PM, Worship AreaPRAY FOR AMERICA
	Monday, January 20th DAILY MASS 9:00AM, Chapel
	Monday, January 20th In Observance for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday
CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S	Tuesday, January 21st IN STITCHES 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room
MASSES	Tuesday, January 21st
ſ	Wednesday, January 22nd SENIORS 11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium
<i>t</i> t	Wednesday, January 22nd LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING 1:30PM, Fr. Joe Room
JANUARY 25	Thursday, January 23rd WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room
5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL	Thursday, January 23rd LEVEL 8 PRAYER SERVICE 7:00PM, Worship Area
JANUARY 26	Saturday, January 25th LEVEL 5 BIBLE DISTRIBUTION 5:00PM, Worship Area
8:00 AM	Saturday, January 25th After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium
FR. MICHAEL 9:30 AM	Sunday, January 26th LEVEL 5 BIBLE DISTRIBUTION All Masses, Worship Area
F. MICHAEL 11:30 AM	Sunday, January 26th After 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses, Atrium
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 26	HOPE
+ Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10	
+1Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 + Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21	Visit our website at <b>www.holycrossrc.org</b> 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 Kimberly Crawford Arbocus Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Barbara Bombace Cole Brennan Dan Bryan Judy Carlson Hank Champagne Mary Champagne William Ciccarelli Grayson Danielski Jason DeLuca Manuela Diaz Ann Egan

Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino Yolanda Fattarusso Sienna Fricke Linda Giordano Linda Heinrichs Debbie Jablinowski Kristen Kennedy Caroline Lazar Carol Leahv Jo-Ann Loh Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Charlotte Lynch Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Mallev Steve Matonti Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci

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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, January 19, 9AM Masses: Mon. For our President & our Nation Tues. People of the Parish Wed. Frank Lamport Thur. Sophie Burns Saturday, January 25, 5 PM Mass Francis Klujsza, Thomas Barrett, John O'Shea, Daryl Vitale, Francisco & Maria Cruz Sunday, January 26, Masses 8:00 AM People of the Parish 9:30 AM Giuseppe Pellitteri 11:30 AM Mildred Serrantonio, Marilyn Demino, Maryjane Piscitelli, Nicholas Louis Roma, **Timothy Kemp**



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have been donated in loving memory of **Joseph Giaimo** by his wife.



Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. <u>2 Thessalonians 3:16</u>



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



#### **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



#### LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



As you probably have noticed and heard, the Pope declared a Jubilee Year which began on December 24th, 2024, and will end on January 6, 2026. There will be many special events celebrating the Jubilee Year, special prayer opportunities, and processions.

I thought it might be helpful to us all to focus some attention on the above logo that is being used and the meaning behind it. First of all, the logo shows four figures representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. You will see that they embrace each other indicating solidarity and fraternity which should unite all people. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of faith which this lead figure is holding but also of hope, which can never be abandoned. This is so important because we are always in need of hope, especially in moments of great need. Next you see the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. How often the everyday circumstances of life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. Next, be sure to pay attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. Some might be familiar with the anchor as a symbol of hope. Those with boats know the anchor is used to stabilize the vessel, especially during stormy weather. Another feature of the image is very important (I think) --- the pilgrim's journey should not be seen as just an individual undertaking but as a journey that is communal. Also, see the cross as something dynamic. It bends in the logo towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. Naturally, the bottom of the logo is the motto of the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

Have a hope-filled week ahead!

For those who would like to donate to help people affected by the California wildfires



specifically to help those in need due to the California wildfires in LA.



Parishioners can visit **www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org** and there is a pop up on their home page for donations



## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanguished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us. Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Find other information regarding Jubilee 2025, visit: https://www.usccb.org/jubilee-2025-resources https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html



Practice of Hope

bond us together in the one Spirit.

During the first seven Sundays in Ordinary Time, the second reading will be from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Today Paul declares our unity in diversity. The Holy Spirit infuses each of us with spiritual gifts to

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

Deepen your awareness of how the Holy Spirit has empowered you. Make a list of all the gifts that Paul highlights and prayerfully consider which gifts shine through you. How do you use them in the service of your faith?



Look for opportunities this week to affirm others in the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them and how they share them with those around them.

Called together by the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church joins other Christians in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Find this year's theme and global prayer opportunities at the United States bishops' website, **https://www.usccb.org**, and join the chain of prayer in your local community.

Come spend an hour with fellow parishioners as we pray for our new president and for our nation.

There will be some music woven into the prayer and the Rosary will be offered. (please bring your own rosary beads for prayer)

# Pray for America Holy Hour

January 19th at 4:00PM Worship Area

#### First of all, then,

I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God.

There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself, who gave himself as ransom for all.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### Coming up this week...



## Level 8 Prayer Service

\*\* Mandatory for Confirmation\*\*

New Date is
Thursday, January 23rd

at 7pm beginning promptly in the Worship Area

## Level 5 Bible Blessing & Distribution

Bibles will be blessed by Fr. Michael and distributed at all the Masses

the weekend of January 25th & 26th



"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6



## PARISH REMINDERS

#### Youth Community Cares

"Serving our youth as our youth serve others"

#### NEXT YCC HOSPITALITY WEEKEND IS JANUARY 25 & 26

#### SIGN-UP SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AND CONSUMABLE DONATIONS

We will be hosting hospitality weekends in January, and add'l dates through April.

<u>Please register for these events to participate.</u>

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

Sign up for Remind at: rmd.at/ycchc

You will find additional information for YCC EVENTS through the Remind App.



#### <u>Missalettes</u>

If you didn't get a chance to order a 2025 Missalette, you can still purchase one for \$12 in the Parish Office.



#### New Year? New Mom? New Experiences. Try something new, meet someone new... Come re-new your spirit.

Whatever stage of motherhood you are in, you are welcome to join our multi-generational group of moms! Together we share our common bond - the joys, the pains, the boring stuff, and the milestones of being a mom. Find solace, find friendship, find wisdom, and support for one of the most rewarding, yet challenging, callings that women can experience.

#### <u>We meet every third Tuesday of the month</u> <u>from 7PM - 8PM in the Fr. Joe Room</u>.

Light refreshments are served as we gather together. Come as you are, and receive the grace of God.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 21st.



This weekend we will be collecting for **Church in Need** which gives assistance to churches in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa.

Special Collections

Thank you for your continued support!

Next weekend at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Regional School Support**.



#### **BE A BULLETIN ADVERTISER!**

Did you know that the Holy Cross bulletin is printed for us each week free of charge? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. So, please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!

If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, approximately a thousand people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our website **holycrossrc.org** and reaches thousands of area families with information about your business.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please call Karina in the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 ext. 110.

## PARISH CELEBRATION



For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free persons, and all were made to drink one Spirit. -1 Covinthians 12:13

Over two dozen recently-baptized members of our parish family attended the 11:30 Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and received a special blessing. Our thanks to the Baptism Team, the Hospitality Committee and the bakers for their participation in this joy-filled event.









#### **2024 Statement of Contributions**

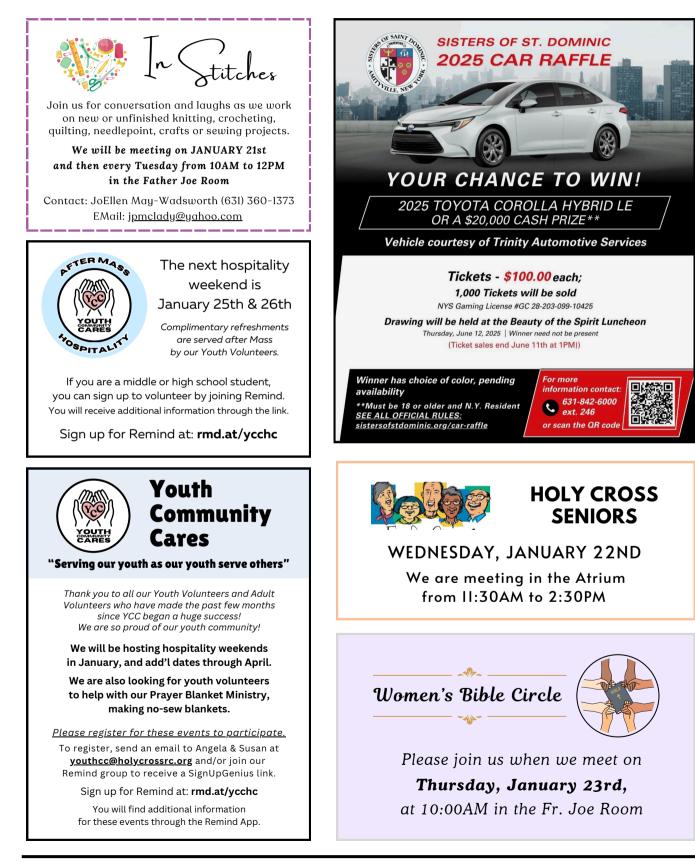
A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2024 will be sent to you upon request. If you would like a copy, please print your name and address on the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_



## **OTHER HAPPENINGS**





"Serving our youth as our youth serve others"

Youth

Cares

**Community** 

sponsors

#### A COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT FOR TEENS

## PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

## NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Join us as we gather together to create no-sew blankets for the Holy Cross Prayer Blanket Ministry. Last year, our teen volunteers created over 15 blankets which were blessed at Mass following our event. These blankets were then distributed to individuals to bring comfort, and serve as a reminder to them of God's love. Parishioners have the opportunity, after the blankets are blessed, to receive these special blankets.

We need you

## FEBRUARY HOLY CROSS ATRIUM

Community Service Letters stating participation will be handed out that night

Snacks and Refreshments will be provided throughout the evening

Supplies for No-Sew blankets will be provided. Learn how to make blankets for those in need.

Bring a Friend! TH

7-9 PM

Join us anytime between 7 - 9 pm

Only have an hour? That's ok! We appreciate the time you give!

<u>Please register for this event to participate.</u> Sign up for Remind at:

rmd.at/ycchc

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Sts. Philip & James School & Academy St. James, NY Sunday, Jan. 26 | 11 AM - 1:30 PM



**St. Patrick School** Smithtown, NY **Sunday, Jan. 26 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** 



**St. Mary School** East Islip, NY **Saturday, Jan. 25 | 10 AM - 1 PM** 





Holy Angels Regional School Patchogue, NY Saturday, Jan. 25 | 11 AM - 2 PM

Scan the QR Code to Learn More!

www.drvcschools.org/visit





## Winter Windfall

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 December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

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 use the tear-off 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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