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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.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty
to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Luke 4:18-19

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 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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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 4 PM
(closed 12:15-1 PM)**

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

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

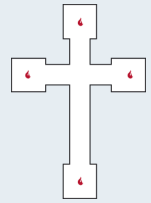


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for more information on how we can serve you.



HE HAS ANOINTED ME

Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael



In this week's gospel, Jesus goes into the temple, picks up the sacred scrolls and begins reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah. He proclaims, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor." After he reads this passage, he lowers the scrolls and boldly proclaims, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." It had to take tremendous courage for Jesus to do this. This was at the beginning of his public ministry. I'm sure there were some who were shocked and even scandalized by what he said. The Spirit was at work, and it was time for Jesus to move forward to do the work his father called him to.

This is a moment in scripture that might hit closer to home for many of us than it first seems. Do you remember the first time in your life you had a sense of what God was calling you to do? I do. I was in 7th grade sitting at Mass with my mother. I was listening to the priest's homily, thinking to myself, "This is pretty boring." I remember thinking there was something wrong about being bored. These are great stories, they are timeless, they reveal God's glory, they define the path we are called to walk. Stories like that should be spoken about with passion and insight. I thought to myself, "Maybe this is what I am supposed to do with my life." It was both affirming and frightening. Thus began my discernment of priesthood.

I am in the midst of visiting our Level 7 Religious Ed classes. During my visits, I am asking the students if they know to what God may be calling them. Here are a few of their responses:

- I think God is calling me to do something in the medical field.
- I want to be a cheerleader.
- I love to read. I want to be a librarian or Special Ed teacher who pulls kids from class and helps them to read.

I then ask if they know and appreciate the gifts God has given to them. Here is what some said:

- I am a good speaker and leader.
- I have great athletic ability.
- I have a great family.

The Spirit touched Jesus at the appropriate time to begin his ministry. The same Spirit is at work in the hearts of all of us at different times and in different ways. This year we embrace the idea of "Pilgrims of Hope" as our theme in union with the entire Church. We keep moving forward confident that God journeys with us and empowers us to do his work. We need to be open to discern what God is asking of us. It may take patience and practice to understand all we have been called to do.



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CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



FEBRUARY 1
5:00 PM
FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE

FEBRUARY 2
8:00 AM
FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE

9:30 AM
F. MICHAEL

11:30 AM
FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2

+ Malachi 3:1-4
+ Hebrews 2:14-18
+ Luke 2:22-32

Saturday, January 25th LEVEL 5 BIBLE DISTRIBUTION
5:00PM Mass, Worship Area

Saturday, January 25th YCC HOSPITALITY
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium

Sunday, January 26th LEVEL 5 BIBLE DISTRIBUTION
All Masses, Worship Area

Sunday, January 26th YCC HOSPITALITY
After 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses, Atrium

Sunday, January 26th OCIA
10:00AM-11:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Monday, January 27th SPECIAL NEEDS
4:00PM-6:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

Tuesday, January 28th IN STITCHES
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, January 28th DRESS A GIRL
1:00PM - 3:00PM, Atrium

Thursday, January 30th WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room

Saturday, February 1st HOLY HOUR
3:45PM-4:45PM, Worship Area

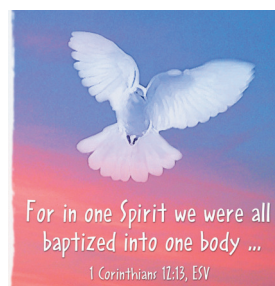
Sunday, February 2nd BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, February 2nd ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area

Sunday, February 2nd REL. ED. CONGRESS MTG.
10:30AM, Chapel

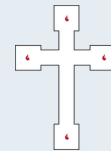
Sunday, February 2nd CHILDREN'S LITURGY
11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, February 2nd BAPTISMS
1:00PM, Worship Area



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to find out more about the different ministries
we have to offer, how you can be involved,
and when they meet.

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



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

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Kimberly Crawford Arbocus
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Alejandro Astegiano
Jo Barry
Kathy Barry
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Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan
Judy Carlson
Hank Champagne
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Grayson Danielski
Anthony DeGennaro
Jason DeLuca
Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan

Vincent Esposito
Ralph Farino
Yolanda Fattarusso
Sienna Fricke
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Kristen Kennedy
Caroline Lazar
Carol Leahy
Jo-Ann Loh
Mary Lopez
Gerald Losquadro
Viola Malek
Jeanne Marie Malley
Steve Matonti
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, January 26,
9AM Masses:**

Mon. Steve Matonti (living)
Tues. Thomas Barrett
Wed. Ann Gallozzi
Thur. Maron Brady

Saturday, February 1, 5 PM Mass
Gaetano Nicosia, John Sternberg,
Richard Pankowski, Thomas Barrett

Sunday, February 2, Masses
8:00 AM Ellen Brady, Loretta Walsh,
Carol Stephens
9:30 AM Michael Corcoran
11:30 AM People of the Parish



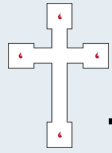
*Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every
way. The Lord be with you all.
2 Thessalonians 3:16*



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



**Sunday, February 2,
will be the next date that
the Anointing of the Sick
will be offered
after the 9:30 AM Mass**



PARISH OUTREACH



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

The collection will be next weekend February 1st & 2nd.

**Tuna - Chicken in a can - Snacks - Soup - Boxed potatoes
Beans (dry and can) - Fruit in can - Mac and Cheese
Toothpaste - Body Soap - Shampoo**

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry. We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!



We will meet on
**Tuesday,
January 28th,
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.

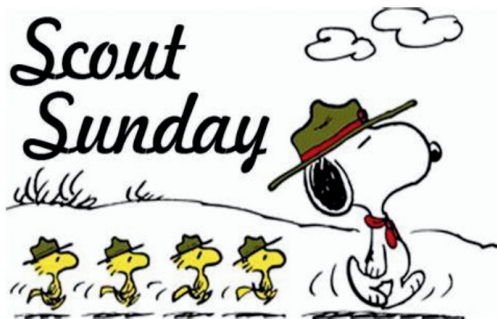
All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer?

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.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." - Galatians 6:10

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Please contact
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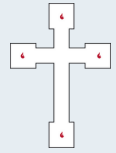
Boy Scout Sunday
February 2, 2025 9:30 Mass
All Scouts are Welcome

Scouts should arrive 15 min. early
Class "A" uniforms scouts & leaders
Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & stand

*Please let us know how many scouts
& leaders will be attending by **Jan. 28th**
so we can have enough
reserved seating for your group*

Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday-March 16th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Level 1 Church Tour

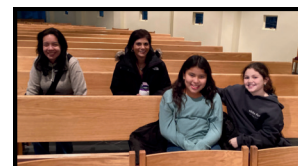
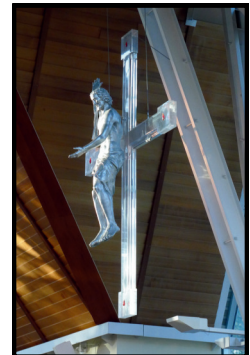


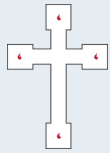
As part of the introduction to their religious education, Level 1 students were invited to attend a special tour in which they learned about the different parts of our church.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

Level 4 Church Mass Walk Through

Level 4 students continue their religious education by attending a special evening that included Fr. Michael explaining the various parts of our Mass celebrations and the purpose of different vestments and vessels used during the Mass.





PARISH HAPPENINGS



Candlemas Day

February 1st & 2nd
at all Masses

The Presentation of the Lord



We will join in the tradition of blessing candles on this day.
All of the candles and oil that will be used
in the coming year at our Masses
and other celebrations will be blessed at Mass.
We invite you to bring any candles you have at home
to also be part of this blessing.

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
John 9:15



Please stop by for complimentary refreshments which will be served
after designated Masses on January 25th & 26th.
We kindly ask that you wait to enjoy these special treats until after Mass,
when served in the Atrium by our youth volunteers.
Thank you! We look forward to seeing you then!



If you are a middle school or
high school student,
and you are looking for
community service
opportunities,
please consider joining the
Holy Cross YCC
"Youth Community Cares"



We currently have two opportunities available:

Hospitality after Mass & making prayer blankets for the parish Prayer Blanket Ministry

Please sign up by using the Remind App
to get links to events and further information
Sign up for Remind at: rmd.at/ycchc

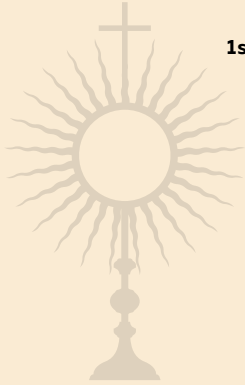
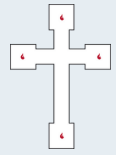
2024 Statement of Contributions

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. You may also request a statement by emailing your information to: parish@holycrossrc.org or calling the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

Name _____

Address _____

PARISH HAPPENINGS



HOLY HOUR 1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 1st

Please come and spend some time with the Lord in personal prayer as you pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the Parish Holy Hour.

Women's Bible Circle



Please join us when we meet on
Thursday, January 30th,
at 10:00AM in the Fr. Joe Room

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Join Us on Sundays
every **1st and 3rd Sunday**
February 2nd & 16th
at the **11:30 AM Mass**

During the Mass, children from Kindergarten through 4th Grade will be invited to move to a separate space and hear God's Word in age-appropriate language. Older children are welcome to assist as helpers. Don't miss this special opportunity for the entire family to experience Mass in a more meaningful way.

Special Collections



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

*Thank you
for your continued support.*



Missalettes

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

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Practice of Faith

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



The first reading from Nehemiah recounts the remarkable day of five hundred years before the birth of Christ when Ezra read the book of the law (the Torah) to all of Jerusalem. The people, having just returned from their long exile, wept with gratitude as the Word of God washed over them.

Deepen your appreciation for the Word of God by exchanging insights with others in regular Bible study. This resource is a great start. Another resource to explore is the popular podcast "The Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz (ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).

The passage Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah in his home synagogue is sometimes described as his mission statement. Prayerfully reflect on the words Jesus proclaimed from the scroll and consider how he fulfilled them.

The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. John Bosco this week on January 31. In the spirit of John Bosco, patron saint of children, make a gift or offer to assist a local agency dedicated to the care of underserved children.



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January 26, 2025
Catholic Schools Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the Church across the United States joyfully celebrates the gift of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which begins today and concludes on February 1, 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2025 is, *United in Faith and Community*. As Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I am profoundly proud of how our Catholic Schools on Long Island continue to evangelize our young Catholics with dedication and love.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis highlights that “Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture” (§134). This mission-driven approach is particularly timely in our Diocese. This year, as the capstone to our local Eucharistic Revival efforts, we are preparing for our significant Eucharistic Congress on June 8, 2025, accompanied by Eucharistic Pilgrimages that will traverse across Long Island, leading up to this transformative event. The mission of these initiatives is woven into the very fabric of Catholic Education, aiming to deepen our students' love for Jesus through the transformative power of the Eucharist and to empower them to evangelize their families and communities.

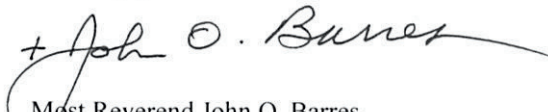
As our schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025 with Masses, open houses, and various activities, we give thanks to the Lord for all who make Catholic Education possible. To our dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff members: thank you for tirelessly advancing the Church's mission by sharing your love for Christ and nurturing His presence in the lives of His children. To the parents and guardians who generously contribute your time and talents: your love for Christ and His Church is inspiring, and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

To all our faithful parishioners, I warmly invite you to visit our schools during this special week. Attend an open house, meet our educators, and witness firsthand the vibrant communities of faith and learning that thrive within our Catholic Schools. Your support and presence affirm the vital role of Catholic Education in forming future generations rooted in faith.

St. John Bosco, a patron saint of school children, captured the essence of Catholic Education when he said, “If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our forces on the Christian education of the young.” The incredible work being accomplished in our Catholic Schools fills me with great hope for the future of our society on Long Island—a future bright with young Catholics who are on fire for Jesus Christ and His Church.

Through the intercession of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the patron saint of Catholic Education, Saint John Bosco, and Mary, Star of Evangelization, may the Lord continue to bless our Catholic Schools and all those involved in Catholic Education on Long Island, especially our students!

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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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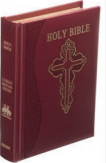
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