



# 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.

*Repent and  
be baptized*

*every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of*

*the Holy Spirit.*



Acts 2: 38

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 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

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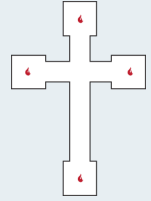
“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”  
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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for more information on how we can serve you.



## RAN OUT OF TIME

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



There are times when I enjoy writing a spiritual reflection in this article. There are times when I pass along pertinent information about something happening within the parish. I take satisfaction once the piece is finished. But sometimes writing it is a labored task. I don't normally give myself grades for what I have written, but this week I think I need to give myself a D+ for this one.

I knew I had to write two articles prior to my leaving on the trip to Ireland. I left a few blocks of time dedicated to the task. But the final days before leaving got a little chaotic. I am up against the deadline with not much to say. I thought about doing something creative and different. Perhaps, should I write a poem? That would take even more time. I thought about submitting an empty page simply entitled "Oops." What about making a connect-the-dots activity? Instead, I offer you this hodgepodge of scattered thoughts.

- Attendance at Palm Sunday this year was almost 300 more people than the previous year. Attendance at Easter was virtually the same. The collection for both days was virtually the same as last year.
- As of April 17, I still have not received word as to whether or not I am being transferred in June. This is an unprecedented late date to not have received a decision. It is a source of frustration and anxiety for me.
- We had to replace our AED (automatic electronic defibrillator). This is a vital piece of emergency equipment that could save a life in the event of a heart attack. The unit we had was more than 15 years old and was no longer usable. Thank heavens we have never needed to use it, but it is important that we have one. The cost was \$1,500.
- This past Easter there were more adult baptisms in our Diocese than there have been in a number of years. We shared in that number by baptizing three.
- There is a family of four turkeys living around my house. They move away slowly when I come outside. They look at me as if they are annoyed that I made them move.
- Our Palm Sunday (Saturday 5:00PM) Mass procession with children and a donkey was a great success. (Actually, it was a pony, but don't tell anyone.) We hope to be able to do this again next year.
- Did you know that Tuesday is the slowest day at MacArthur airport with only about 15 departures? Friday and Sunday are the busiest days with nearly 30 departures.
- We spent more on snow removal this year than we have the last three years combined.
- I attended the funeral Mass for Bishop Murphy on April 7. I will always be grateful to him for the assignments he gave me. I never would have chosen to be a high school chaplain, but at his request I gave it a try and ended up serving joyfully for seven years. After that he assigned me to a crazy parish in Nesconset called Holy Cross. It's been thirteen happy years for me.

Thank heavens I have come up with almost 600 words, which means I can stop writing. Please tune in next week when I plan to be back on track with some more organized, pertinent, and/or holy things to say.



2026

APRIL

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26	27	28	29	30		

# ON THE CALENDAR

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**MAY 2**

**5:00 PM  
FR. MICHAEL**

**MAY 3**

**8:00 AM  
FR. MICHAEL**

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

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



## SCRIPTURE READINGS for MAY 3

- + Acts 6:1-7
- + 1 Peter 2:4-9
- + John 14:1-12

**Saturday, April 25th** ..... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**  
**5:00PM Mass, Atrium**

**Saturday, April 25th** ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**  
**After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium**

**Sunday, April 26th** ..... **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SALES**  
**All Masses, Atrium**

**Sunday, April 26th** ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**  
**After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium**

**Sunday, April 26th** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM, Worship Area**

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

**Tuesday, April 28th** ..... **MOMS' GROUP**  
**7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, April 29th**..... **LEVEL 2 COMMUNION PRACTICE**  
**6:00PM & 7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium**

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

**Thursday, April 30th**..... **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
**7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room**

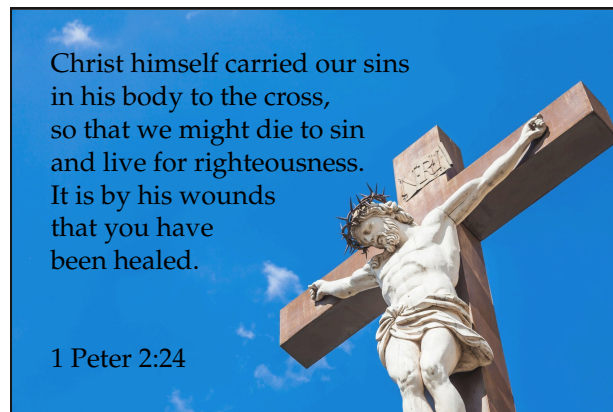
**Saturday, May 2nd** ..... **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**  
**11:00AM & 1:30PM, Worship Area**

**Saturday, May 2nd** ..... **HOLY HOUR**  
**3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area**

**Sunday, May 3rd** ..... **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**After 9:30 Mass, Worship Area**

**Sunday, May 3rd** ..... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**11:30 Mass, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, May 3rd** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM, Worship Area**



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# WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



## Upcoming Mass Intentions

**Week of Sunday, April 26**

**9:00AM Masses:**

**Mon.** Adrienne Reilly

**Tues.** Glenn Antos (living)

**Wed.** Gabriella & Kevin Niglia (living)

**Thur.** Mildred Kane

**Saturday, May 2, 5PM Mass**

Jane Daly, Pastor Charles Lee Patterson,  
Christian Flores, Michael Ackerman,  
Barbara Valardo, Joseph McSweeney

**Sunday, May 3, Masses**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:00AM** Steve Matonti

**9:30AM** James W. Corrigan Jr., Betty Gaynor  
Rosalie A. Hanchen, Sylvia Tedeschi,  
Gloria Posimato

**11:30AM** People of the Parish

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

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



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



*Banns of Marriage*

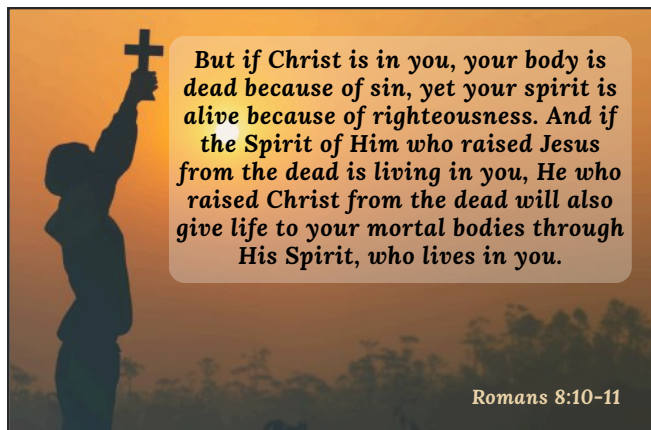
Isabel Martins & Matthew Brasile



The **Bread and Wine** for the week  
have been donated in loving memory  
of **James and Sara Connor**  
by the Cotter family.

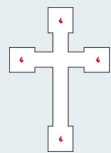


Anointing of the Sick  
is next weekend  
Sunday, May 3rd,  
after the 9:30 AM Mass



*But if Christ is in you, your body is  
dead because of sin, yet your spirit is  
alive because of righteousness. And if  
the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus  
from the dead is living in you, He who  
raised Christ from the dead will also  
give life to your mortal bodies through  
His Spirit, who lives in you.*

Romans 8:10-11



# YOU ARE THE CHURCH IN YOUR HOME

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



This week's reflection is meant for our families with children either just beginning the journey of parenting or into it by many years. The joy of the Easter season is important to keep at the forefront of our faith journey. What better way to share this joy but with all those we consider our family. After all, a family is our first community and the most basic way in which the Lord gathers us, forms us, and acts in the world. The Church expresses this truth by calling the Christian family, a domestic church or church of the home. As Christian families, you not only belong to the Church, but your daily life is a true expression of the Church.

Your domestic church is not complete by itself. It should be united with and supported by parishes and other communities within the larger Church. Christ has called you and joined you to Himself in and through the Sacraments. Therefore, you share in one and the same mission that He gives to the whole Church. How do families carry out this mission in ordinary ways, you might be asking.

Here are a few examples. Believing in God, you turn to God in times of trouble. Also, it is God you give thanks to when all goes well. You love and believe in the value of another person. Young ones learn about God's love from their earliest experiences of being loved by their parents, grandparents, and other family members. You educate your children, imparting knowledge about our faith and helping them acquire Christian values which are all learned by your example. Praying together thanking God for blessings, asking for guidance and strength are simple ways that teach children many things. We sacrifice, forgive, and seek forgiveness over and over. We celebrate special life moments, especially the Sacraments, and most importantly gather each week to celebrate the most important meal – the Mass.

No domestic church does all of the above perfectly. We keep trying to be the best disciples possible knowing that Christ has called us and loves us deeply.

*Have a blessed, happy, and fruitful week ahead!*



## Practice of Faith

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

Peter spoke from personal experience about the mercy of God. Peter, chosen by Jesus to lead the disciples, denied Jesus. He failed to stand with Jesus as our Lord sacrificed himself on the cross. Yet, Jesus forgave Peter and sent him on mission to share God's mercy. Peter preached to those who condemned Jesus and offered them the gift of God's salvation. God's forgiveness is without condition. He pursues lost sheep. He is always the Good Shepherd who will never abandon us when we stray. Are you following the example of Peter when others sin? Reflect on your own beliefs about God's forgiveness:

Do you judge others who have sinned and think they should not be forgiven?

Do you forgive others who have offended you and offer them the peace of God's mercy?

Spend time reflecting on the mercy of God and give Him thanks.

# PARISH OUTREACH



**We will meet on Wednesday, May 6th, 9:30AM - 12PM 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 sewists create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

**We are looking for sewists and donations of fabric to continue our ministry.**

**Do you like to sew?** If creating a beautiful dress in the comfort of your own home, sharing your talent and making a difference to a young girl sounds like something you may be interested in, then the "Dress a Girl" Ministry is for you!

If your talent lies in sewing, contact the Outreach office to make arrangements to pick up your "take home dress kit." Instructions and support are available as you create a dress from one of our dress kits.

**If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits.** We are so grateful for all those who played a part in our "Dress a Girl" Ministry. This ministry could not exist without the many volunteers who have cut out a dress, sewn a dress or donated fabric. We need fabric to keep creating these beautiful dresses and offering hope. **We are in need of 2-3 yards of a cotton blend fabric.** We invite you to be part of this ministry by donating fabric and helping to support the good work that we are doing. All donations can be brought to the Outreach office.

**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. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley in Outreach. Thank you!!!**

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

**The collection will be next weekend,  
May 2nd & 3rd.**



**Toilet Paper  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly - Coffee  
Fruit in a can  
Snacks  
Laundry Soap  
(small bottle)**

*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!***

*"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."*

*-Mother Teresa*



**Do you have a family member or neighbor in our Parish who is unable to get out due to illness, age or disability?**

Please help us locate these individuals and bring them into contact with our community.

Here are some of the ways we connect with our Homebound:

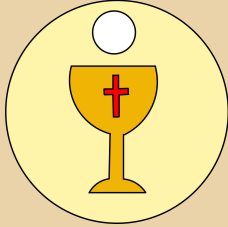
- The Parish sends birthday and holiday cards
- Volunteers visit during Advent and Easter Seasons
- Volunteers call them on a monthly basis
- We arrange a Eucharistic Minister of Communion if requested

If you are aware of someone who would benefit from these efforts, please contact the Outreach Office at (631) 265-2200 Extension 113



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## LEVEL 2 Communion Practice



### Communion Practice for MAY 2nd Communion

**Wednesday,  
April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am**

or

**Wednesday,  
April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm**

### Communion Practice for MAY 9th Communion

**Tuesday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

or

**Tuesday,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

if your child's Communion is  
**Sat., May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**



## BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

In the April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin, we invited you to take an insert sheet of paper that has 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 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

During the month of May, we will have a special mailbox 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.



## 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 8 Reconciliation for Confirmation



**will take place on**

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 5pm or 6:30pm**

or

**Saturday,  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 9am**





# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA  
2nd Annual Summer Kickoff  
Dinner and Dancing**



**SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM to 10:00 PM**

**AT ST. JAMES CHURCH RECREATION ROOM**  
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	JUNE 6-7

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Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Catholic Elementary Schools**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

“Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people.” -Mother Teresa



Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance envelopes may be placed in the collection basket. Names of loved ones will appear in the Mother’s Day bulletin.



**Women’s Bible Circle**



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

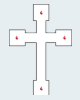
**\* TIME CHANGE 7:00PM \***

**ATTENTION! IMPORTANT**

*Moms’ Group*

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 28th, at 7PM in the Fr. Joe Room

*Moms (of all stages) welcome! Join us!*



## Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter

Article brought to you by Loyola Press  
[loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)



The Easter season—beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days—is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

### Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

### Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

### Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God’s eyes.

*We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.*

### Please join in prayer for the Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For April,  
he asks us to pray  
for  
**Priests in Crisis**



For more information, please see: [Popesprayerusa.net](http://Popesprayerusa.net)



**HOLY HOUR**  
**Saturday, May 2nd**  
**3:45pm - 4:45pm**  
**in the Worship Area**

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



# 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!



### Spring Cash Fling

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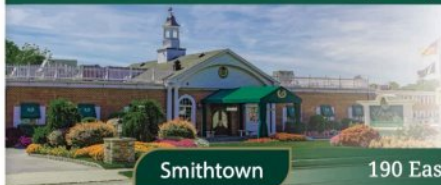
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