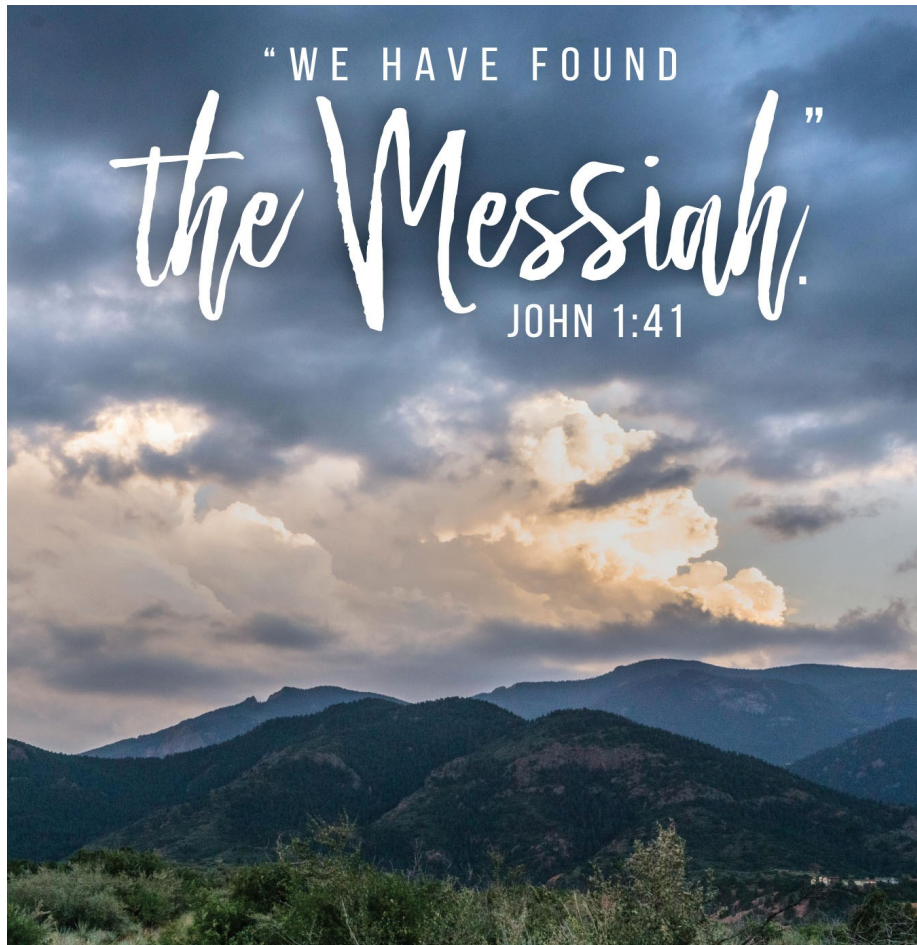


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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

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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Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for those in our parish who are sick,
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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, January 14, 9AM Masses

Mon. No Daily Mass Today
Tue. Ellen Brady
Wed. Genevieve McCarthy (living)
Thu. Joyce Panciroli & June Ruzzi (living)



Saturday, January 20, 5PM Mass

Ann Keena, Teresa Burton, Gennaro Cangiano,
Rocco Ciurleo, Thomas Hughes

Sunday, January 21, 3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Diane Kobielski
9:30 AM Concetta Mazzone
11:30 AM People of the Parish

The Parish Office is closed on
Monday, January 15th, for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
There will not be Daily Mass on Monday.

PRAYING UP A STORM

by Father Michael

I am away this week on my annual retreat. I am at a Jesuit Retreat House outside of Dallas, Texas. I have been there before, and it has always been a prayerful experience. If possible, I enjoy including a little travel with my retreat time. Something about a flight or road trip opens my heart. I do hold the people of Holy Cross deeply in my prayers. Please do the same for me.

This time away could be viewed as just a vacation or running away from work for a week. Even though a retreat removes you from your usual routine, it can actually make you feel more connected to the people and events that are part of your life. Retreats can take different formats. This will be a “preached retreat” with several daily talks on Ignatian spirituality. There is also an opportunity to meet briefly with a spiritual director. The two components come together to create a space where there is a deep awareness to God, but also to the people who are part of my life.

I once went on retreat to the Weston Priory in Vermont. The monks there spend their time committed to prayer and sharing in the chores of a simple communal life. In some ways they are very much removed from the world. But ironically, even though they rarely come down from their mountain monastery, their prayer reflected a deep connection to the suffering and current events throughout the world. I felt more in tune with what was happening in this remote place than when I was home watching the news and immersing myself in the stuff of life. True prayer has a remarkable way of connecting us to God and one another. When we are able to share in that gift, life is grounded and there is a deep sense of union with all that surrounds us. I am grateful for the privilege of being able to spend the days away from the parish. I pray that they will deepen my ability to bring to life the spirit here at Holy Cross.

There is still room for something silly. I did have one minor Christmas “crisis” that I will share with you. Since I was a child, our family has made the same traditional Christmas dessert. It is made with plain, thin chocolate wafers, crushed pineapple, and fresh whipped cream. The three ingredients are spread in multiple layers on top of each other. It is a simple dish, but quite tasty. Unbeknownst to me, the Nestle company stopped making the thin chocolate wafers last spring. There were none to be found except on the internet, and they were selling the last packages for \$50 each. So I pondered for a way to substitute the missing ingredient. I thought about getting Oreo cookies and scraping out the cream. Someone suggested using Oreo Thins. So with fingers crossed, I made our traditional dessert a new way. I was surprised and happy that the taste was virtually the same. Life is full of surprises, big and small.

From the holy to the ridiculous, have a blessed week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 14th 1 PM
• BAPTISMS Worship Area

Monday, January 15th
(The Parish Office is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.)

Tuesday, January 16th 10 AM
• IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
• MOMS' GROUP 7 PM Fr. Joe Room

Wednesday, January 17th 7 PM
• YOUTH GROUP PLANNING MTG. Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, January 18th 10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium
• DRESS A GIRL 1-3PM Atrium
• LEVEL 8 PRAYER SERVICE 7PM Worship Area

Saturday, January 20th 6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH GROUP Atrium

Sunday, January 21st 11:30 AM Mass
• CHILDREN'S LITURGY Fr. Joe Room

Scripture Readings for January 21, 2024



+ *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*
+ *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*
+ *Mark 1:14-20*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 20th/21st



5:00 PM Fr. Michael
8:00 AM Fr. Michael
9:30 AM Fr. Michael
11:30 AM Fr. Michael

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

Special Collections

*This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations fund.***

*Next weekend, we will be collecting for our **Regional Schools Support.** Thank you for your support of these collections!*

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2023 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.

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Lancaster & “Daniel” March 21 & 22, 2024

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- Special Mystery Stop



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Seating: In fairness to all, those who reserve at the double rate will be asked to share a double seat on the bus with their roommate. Those who reserve at the single rate may have a double seat for themselves.

Barry’s Car Barn: Approximately a 5-minute walk from Kitchen Kettle Village. Admission is \$13, which is not included in the price of the tour.

Lancaster & “Daniel”

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PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!

1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month,
11:30AM Mass.

Children in 1st grade
and up, please join us!



LITURGY BYTES

Back to Ordinary Time



It is back to green in our Worship Area. This shortened season is known as Winter Ordinary Time. This year it lasts for five weeks with Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Having said that, I am sure you realize that Easter will be early, too – March 31st!

As we see the beautiful pieces of the Christmas just celebrated being removed, the simplicity of this next season is upon us. There are many different shades of green used by churches during this time. We are captured by listening to the unfolding story of the Paschal mystery in the Readings expressed through the public ministry of Jesus.

So, as we recuperate from an active holiday season, let us take time to reflect on the most important gift any of us have received, and begin to focus on this special gift and the importance of receiving it regularly. How do we encourage those around us who keep missing this moment each week? Last June, the Pope issued an encyclical filled with many words stressing the importance of the liturgy, particularly the Mass. He opened with these words: *“I simply want to invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration. The liturgy is the first source of divine communion in which God shares his own life with us.”*

How do you feel when you hear those words about the Mass and God sharing his own life with us? It certainly opens our hearts and minds to how special the Eucharist is for all of us. We know it because we are present each week at Mass. What about those who are missing at the Lord’s table? How can each of us work to bring someone back to Mass? Let us pray about this and begin our plan of action.

Have a blessed, prayerful, and healthy week ahead! ~ *Michele Hall*

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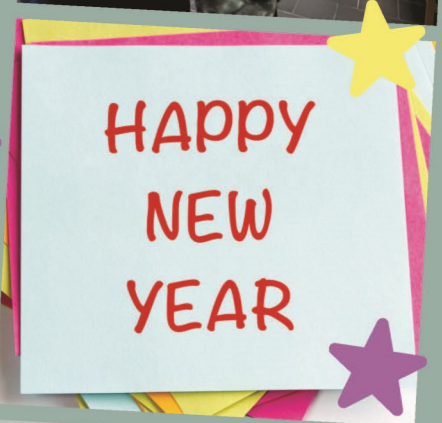
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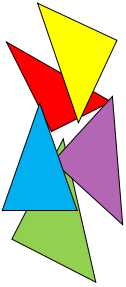
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PARISH OUTREACH

Dress a Girl Around the World

Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)



Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, January 18, from 1-3 PM** in the atrium. We will continue cutting out dresses for the little ones in need. **Please RSVP to Outreach at 631-265-2200** (limited space available). No skill required. All are welcome!

We are, once again, looking for donations of larger pieces of cotton fabric (2-3 yards) for the body of the dress. Thank you in advance for your constant support and generosity of our *Dress a Girl* ministry.

Stitch-Ups: (those who sew the dresses found in our dress kits)



Our “Stitch-Ups” are welcome to pick up completed dress kits by calling the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200. Everything you need to complete a dress is included in a kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Alpha Program at St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More in Hauppauge recently started an Alpha program on January 8th. Space is still available for those individuals interested in exploring their faith in a group setting. Please contact the rectory at St. Thomas More if you would like to attend: 631-234-5551. More information can be found at <https://alphausa.org>

Alpha is a Christian-based program designed to encourage faith sharing over a community meal and watching short videos on a variety of topics like “How and why do we pray?” or “Why did Jesus die?” or “Does God heal today?” or “Who is the Holy Spirit?” Small group discussions follow. It’s an excellent way to meet others on their faith journey and ask questions about your own.

The meetings are Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St. Thomas More Church, 115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, and begin with a home-cooked meal provided by their chefs. There is no charge to attend!

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WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

Come celebrate with Bishop Andrzej.

HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION

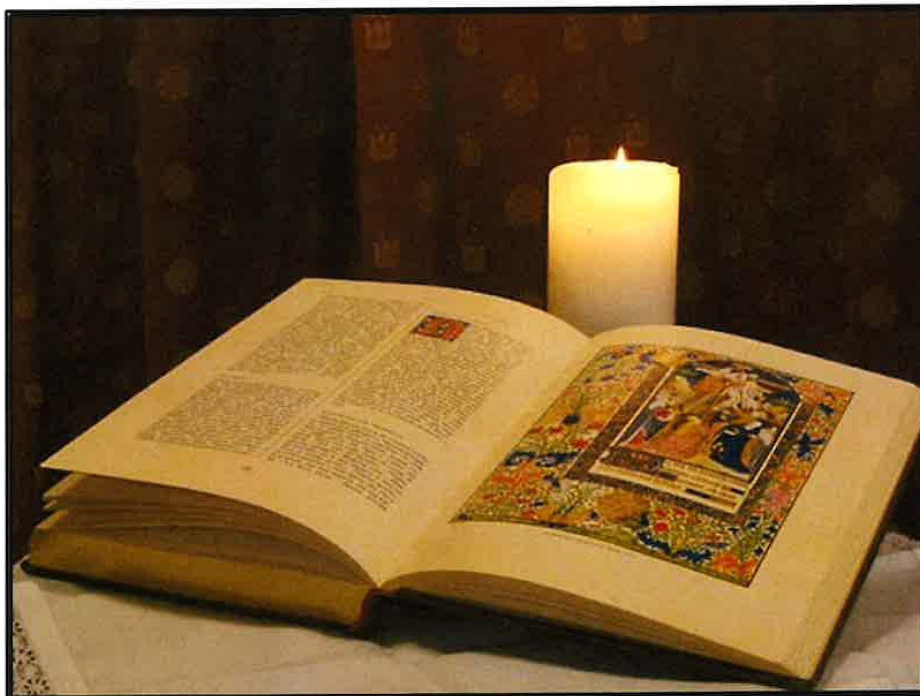
Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3 pm

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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 29**.

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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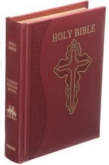
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