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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.*



Come and pray with us!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022

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, their families and caregivers:

Marietta Alvarado	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Eleanor Daly
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Bob Grieco
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Elaine Ruane	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Kyle Sweeney
Chase Turano	David Velkas
Doreen Velkas	Judy Viskupic
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 16th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Anne Wishniak
Tue. Maureen O'Malley (living)
Wed. Scott Schneider
Thu. Genevieve McCarthy (living)

Saturday, January 22nd, 5 PM Mass

Rocco Ciurleo, Daniel Sweeney, Vincent Pelliccio,
Frank Pawlowski, Thomas Sheehan, Sophie Burns

Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Linda Marino
11:30 AM Mary Sarosy, Frank Dell'Aquila,
Anthony Michael Arzillo, Brooke & Noelle Krupa,
Suzie McCann, Chester Sawicki



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.

BACK TO ORDINARY TIME

by Father Michael

Aside from a few white poinsettias, all remnants of Christmas have been tucked away for another year. Normally when I take down the Christmas decorations at my home it is a dreaded task that I dutifully work my way through. For some reason, this year it was actually a peaceful and even nostalgic experience. Some of the ornaments on the tree go back to my childhood. My creche is older than I am. Some of my decorations were more recent gifts from friends. While I like the house to look festive, it is more than just decorations. There can be stories told and rich memories when we take the time to remember what we have received.

I have shared with you in the past that I try not to open any of my Christmas cards during the Advent season. I begin opening them on Christmas day. It usually takes a couple of days for me to slowly work my way through the pile. Then, at the end of the Christmas season, I read the cards again with a deep sense of appreciation of all the people who have woven their way into my life. The “stuff of Christmas” can be a beautiful reminder of the blessings we have received.

Ordinary time continues all the way through to Ash Wednesday on March 2, when we begin the season of Lent. The Sunday readings rotate on a three-year cycle. This year we hear the Gospel stories mostly from Luke (with the exception of this Sunday). Luke’s gospel was written probably about 20 years after Mark’s gospel. His intent was not simply to repeat what was already reported, but rather interpret in light of the ever expanding church community through the Roman empire.

In this bulletin I have a little survey regarding some possible upcoming trips offered to the parish. It certainly has gotten more complicated trying to plan trips. And it has gotten more complicated trying to figure out IF individuals even want to travel. There are so many added concerns these days that leave many of us scratching our heads. As always, I welcome the opportunity to travel with parishioners, but it may not be that time yet.

Every so often I offer this gratuitous public service announcement. Make sure your home has a visible house number that can be read from the street. I am surprised how often when making home visits I have to guess at which house is which because there are no house numbers. For me, it is a minor inconvenience to sort out where I am going. However, in an emergency it could make an enormous difference in getting help in a timely way. Sometimes it is the most simple of things that can make a critical impact. Sadly, we were reminded of this in the reports of the tragic apartment fire in the Bronx. Something as simple as a closed door may have saved lives. Attention to simple details may save enormous heartache.

PARISH NEWS



The Bread and Wine for the week January 16th-22nd have been donated in loving honor of Steve and Barbara Shipman.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

There will be a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 17th	9 AM
• DAILY MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.)</i>	
Tuesday, January 18th	7 PM
• CATECHIST KICK-OFF	Atrium
Wednesday, January 19th	4:30 - 5:30 PM
• ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	Worship Area
• THE CHOSEN	7 PM Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, January 20th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium
• THE CHOSEN	1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
Sunday, January 23rd	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

Scripture Readings for January 23, 2022



- + Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
- + 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
- + Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Banns of Marriage Second Time

Michele Hahn & Robert Hall



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 22nd/23rd



5:00 PM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
9:30 AM	Fr. Frank
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank

Special Collection

This weekend will be the collection for **Regional School Support.** Our children are our greatest natural resource!



Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Altar Servers Needed!

Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the 3 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30PM on 3 consecutive Wednesday afternoons on the following dates: January 19, 26 and February 2.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Holy Cross Travel Club

We're in the process of putting together a few trips and have some pieces in place. Before we put things into motion, we'd like you to consider some possibilities and provide your feedback. Your feedback will help us get the details in place:

SAVE THE DATE!!

Lancaster – November 17th – 18th, 2022

- Overnight in Lancaster
- Performance of David at Sight & Sound Theatre
- Other details to follow

Reservations are not being taken nor is a deposit required at this time!

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### Nifty Nevada - *A Proposed trip for April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>*

- 3 Nights at Lake Tahoe
- Death Valley National Park
- Las Vegas

- Yes, I would be interested in this trip, pending more details
- Sounds like a great trip, but I am not ready to travel this April
- This trip doesn't tickle my fancy

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Boston Cruise - *A Proposed trip for the middle of September*

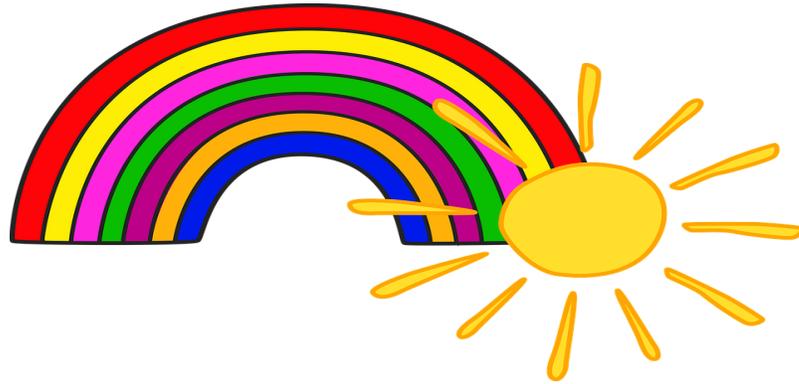
- Depart from New York
- Stop in Boston and Canadian ports
- Early fall foliage

- Yes, I would be interested in this trip, pending more details
- Sounds like a great trip, but I am not ready to get on a ship just yet
- This trip doesn't interest me

Please return your feedback to the office. You can drop it off at the office or place it in the basket or scan it and email it to: bshipman@holycrossrc.org

Name: (Optional) _____

PARISH OUTREACH



Bereavement Support Group

Walking with grief after losing a loved one is as unique as our fingerprints! It can be as if all color in our world is gray.

Having time to listen to others dealing with grief can often give us new insights, thus allowing us to share our pathway and gain ways to move forward, putting some color back in our world!

This bereavement group is a Support Group for **anyone dealing with grief**. All are welcome.

We will meet for six Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 PM beginning **February 16** and ending **March 30** with **no meeting on March 2**, as it is Ash Wednesday.

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling Outreach at Holy Cross 631-265-2200 EXT. 113, and you will then be contacted by the Facilitator for this group.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.”
Matt:11:28

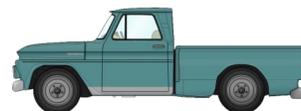
PARISH OUTREACH

Wish List

Often Outreach receives calls from generous parishioners who have gently used items they would like to donate. Last summer, we asked our Outreach families to create a "Wish List" of items they need/want. Items have ranged from televisions, bedroom furniture, to a bicycle!

When a parishioner calls with an item ready to donate, we see if there is a want/need for the item and try to connect the two parties. With larger items, like a couch or a bed, it is not always so easy. **Assistance is needed in pickup, transport, and delivery of these items.**

Outreach is looking for a few volunteers who are available to help with our "Wish List" project. If you have a truck, SUV or van and are able to assist with pick up, transport and delivery, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For larger items, two or more volunteers will be asked to assist in moving the item.



Do you have an hour a month to help out one of our Outreach families? If you are interested, please call Kelley at Outreach. Thank you!

Dress a Girl Around the World



Thank you to everyone who donated yards and yards of beautiful fabric for our **Dress a Girl Around the World** project. With your donation, we have been able to assemble over 60 dress kits and sew over 35 dresses.

In the new year, we hope to have monthly "Cutting Days" to create more kits for those who want to be involved with creating a dress kit and/or sewing a dress. Assembled kits are available in the Outreach Office.

If you are a novice at sewing or a seasoned pro, we need you! Each kit includes all you need to assemble a dress. Instructions are included, and someone is only a phone call away for assistance.

Thank you again to all those who donated yards of fabric. A young girl will have the opportunity to wear a beautiful dress thanks to your generosity. Please call ahead at 631-265-2200 Ext. 113 for a kit.

PARISH OUTREACH

Here's an Update

For the month of December, Outreach assisted 44 families which consisted of 13 children, 54 Adults and 9 Seniors. We provided 113 services to the community. (This does not include our Christmas Project.)

For Christmas, we provided 43 families with help. These 43 families consisted of 101 adults and 57 children. We also provided 292 gifts (gift cards, toys, and clothes) to the following agencies: Pronto, Mercy Haven, Talbot House, and Olsen's Rest Home. **Thank you for your generous support of Outreach and all the families we serve!**

Thank
You

MORE PARISH NEWS

Scripture Study Group

Are you free on Thursday mornings at 10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month? Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures? Come join a group of women who seek the same, and give Scripture Study a try! There is no commitment and no sign up. Just come at your own convenience to the meeting or meetings of your choice. Every meeting is independent. Our next meeting date is January 20th.

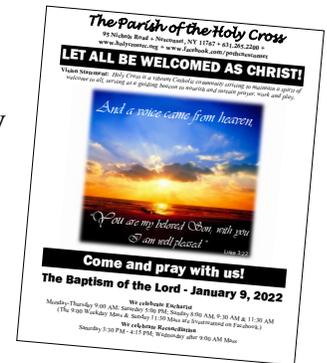


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If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, well over a thousand people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our website www.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 The Church Bulletin Inc. at **631-249-4994**.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Coming Back Soon!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be coming back soon to the 11:30AM Mass. Please keep watching the bulletin for information on when it will resume! During the Mass, children from Kindergarten through 3rd 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.



Help Needed!

We are looking for custodial help on Sundays from 10AM to 1PM. Must be 21 years or older. If interested, please contact Barbara DeStefano for salary and details at **631-265-2200 x110**.



Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits **Heifer International**. Thank you!



Youth Ministry

Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Do you want to build more of an understanding about yourself and your faith?

If you answered "Yes!" to any of those questions above, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group**! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish.

If you have any questions or are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office. Thank you!

Our next meeting is January 23rd from 6PM to 8PM in the Atrium!



STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2021 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 in the collection basket.

**Thank you for
your support!**

Name _____

Address _____

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Come and Join
the Fun!!!**

FUNDRAISING

We are looking for new and old members to reboot our Fundraising Committee. This group currently runs 3-4 events per year including a holiday wreath sale, a basket raffle, and a variety of raffles (to name a few).



If you are creative, friendly, and organized, please consider sharing your talents and time in this way. Any time you have is a gift to our parish!

For questions, call or email Barbara DeStefano at 631-265-2200 x110 or bdestefano@holycrossrc.org

Please fill out the tear-off below and return to the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



TAKE A CHANCE!

Winter Windfall

For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine. This fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish. In addition, many parishioners enjoyed participating in it. Unfortunately, it was one of the many parts of parish life that was lost to COVID. At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing. And so, we introduce the "Winter Windfall." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.



- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through December, January and February.
- Drawing will be held February 28.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there will be a different pay scale:

- * 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. *(In the event the response is strong, we will resume a monthly drawing as soon as possible.)*
- Tickets will not be sold after Mass. 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!

Winter Windfall

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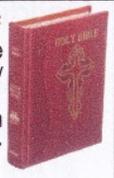
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