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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21, 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,  
their families and caregivers:

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<b>Bill Tanner</b>	<b>Grace Van Epps</b>
<b>Peter Warns</b>	<b>Danny Youngworth</b>

## Upcoming Mass Intentions



### Week of Sunday, January 21, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Omar Neutra (living)  
**Tue.** Sophie Burns  
**Wed.** Maureen O'Malley (living)  
**Thu.** Francis Klujsza

### Saturday, January 27, 5PM Mass

Lorenzo Paulino, John Sternberg, Elveter Bernard,  
Janice Bux

### Sunday, January 28, 4th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30 AM** Giuseppe Pellitteri, John Spina  
**11:30 AM** Bill Lotz

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.

# ONE OF THOSE DAYS

*by Father Michael*

This article was written two weeks ago, before I headed off on retreat. Did you ever have one of those days where everything seems to go haywire? I had one of those days. With each step forward I took in preparing to leave, it felt like I took three steps backward.

For the first time, I had difficulty in covering the Masses during my absence. I simply could not find priests who were available to cover all our Masses. Unfortunately, the pool of priests I can call when I am away is not as large as it once was. One weekday Mass had to be moved to 7:30 AM. Another one could not be covered at all. I'm sorry that my absence disrupted the routine of the parish and some of our daily Mass-goers.

The next hiccup of the day was that the lock on my front door refused to unlock. Happily, I was able to finally get it open so I could go inside. But that was the last time it was going to function. We had to scramble to find a locksmith. As I write this article we are still trying to resolve that problem. It is not just the old tumbler that was the problem; it seems the whole lock mechanism and the door frame aren't quite lining up anymore. Who knew a door could be so complicated? It will get sorted out soon enough.

Next, how's about a little flood? I was going to my basement (to put away some Christmas decorations), which is only accessible from the exterior of the house, and as I neared the bottom of the stairs I heard the unmistakable sound of running water. If you are taking a stroll in the woods, it is a comforting and relaxing sound. If you are entering your basement, it is the source of anxiety and dread. My hot water heater had given out, and water was flowing from it like from a colander when I make spaghetti. I was able to turn off the water. I have a sump pump that I hooked up and was able to get most of the water out after a couple of hours. I am grateful to our parishioner, Dean from AAA Plus Burner Service, who maintains our HVAC equipment and was able to respond quickly. A replacement unit should be installed by the time I get back so I can take a hot bubble bath.

It was a frazzling day, but everyone has days like this. As much as I would like to moan and groan about everything, it was all still relatively minor stuff. We are not talking about health or someone's welfare. We are talking about some inconveniences and expenses to repair the problems. There are far greater issues that are not so easily resolved.

May all your days go well. And let's pray that God's Spirit will lead us through the more trying issues that surround us.

# HOLY CROSS TRAVEL CLUB

## Lancaster & “Daniel” March 21 & 22, 2024

- Your Choice of Kitchen Kettle Village or Barry’s Car Barn
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- Special Mystery Stop



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- *Roundtrip Transportation and Touring with Hampton Jitney*
- *Overnight Accommodation at the Eden Rock Resort*
- *Performance of Daniel*
- *1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner*

*Cost: \$480 per person based on double occupancy  
\$535 single occupancy*

*Please make check payable to “Parish of the Holy Cross” and return with the registration slip below.*

**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.

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## Lancaster & “Daniel”

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate or Single: \_\_\_\_\_

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Saturday, January 20th</b>	<b>6 - 8 PM</b>
• <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	<b>Atrium</b>
<b>Sunday, January 21st</b>	<b>11:30 AM Mass</b>
• <b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	<b>Fr. Joe Room</b>
<b>Monday, January 22nd</b>	<b>4 - 6 PM</b>
• <b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>	<b>Atrium</b>
• <b>LEVEL 1 CHURCH TOUR</b>	<b>7 PM Atr., Wor. Ar.</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 23rd</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• <b>IN STITCHES</b>	<b>Fr. Joe Room</b>
• <b>RCIA</b>	<b>7 PM Fr. Joe Room</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 24th</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• <b>LITURGY MEETING</b>	<b>Fr. Joe Room</b>
<b>Thursday, January 25th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• <b>WOMEN'S BIBLE CIRCLE</b>	<b>Fr. Joe Room</b>
• <b>YOUTH GROUP PLNG. MTG. 7PM</b>	<b>Atrium</b>
• <b>CHILDREN'S LIT. MTG.</b>	<b>7PM Fr. Joe Room</b>
• <b>CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>	<b>7PM Worship Area</b>

## *Scripture Readings for January 28, 2024*



- + *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*
- + *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*
- + *Mark 1:21-28*

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 27th/28th

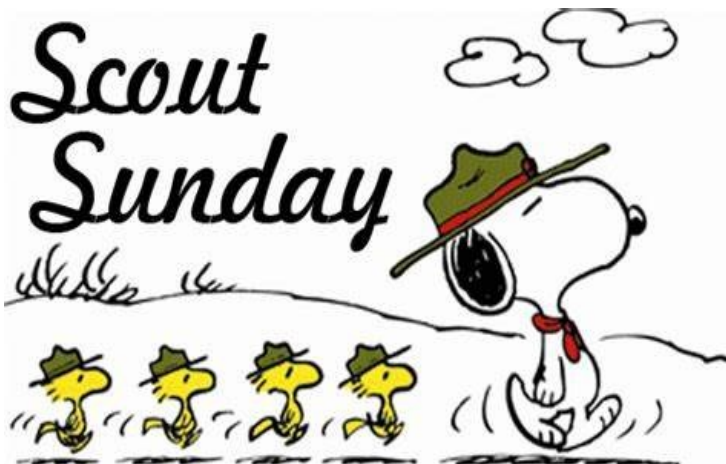


5:00 PM	Fr. Frank
8:00 AM	Fr. Frank
9:30 AM	Fr. Michael
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

## Special Collections

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

Next weekend we will also be collecting for **Church in Need** which gives assistance to churches in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. Thank you for your support!



## Boy Scout Sunday

**February 11, 2024 9:30 Mass**  
**All Scouts are Welcome**

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early  
 Class "A" uniforms scouts & leaders

Please contact  
 Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor  
[Akjl23@optonline.net](mailto:Akjl23@optonline.net) or 516-996-2295

**Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & stand**

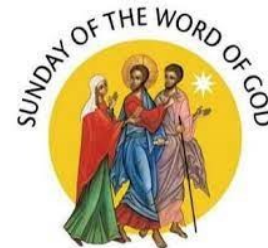
*Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **February 4th** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group.*

**Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday - March 10th**

# LITURGY BYTES

## Word of God Sunday

In 2019, in an Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis established that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time would be designated as “Sunday of the Word of God.” This happens to be today!



The Pope was hoping for the people of God “to truly appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people. Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” (Aperuit Illis.2)

You might be asking what one must do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass. The General Instruction tells that “the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone.” The Instruction also states that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be “truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing, the readings from the sacred texts, may conceive in the hearts of the faithful a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture.”

The key for us is the word “listening.” We are called to listen attentively as God’s Word is proclaimed by the Lector, the Deacon and/or the Priest. We should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo. Some people prepare by reading the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday before coming to Mass. They can be found on the USCCB website if you have access to a computer. There is something to be said for preparing ourselves for what God’s Sacred Word will say to us. Most important of all, the Word of God which is living and active calls each of us individually and together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, calling us to live out God’s message in our lives.

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

## 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for  
your support!**

# TAKE A CHANCE!

## 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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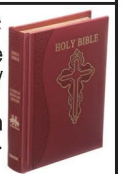
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