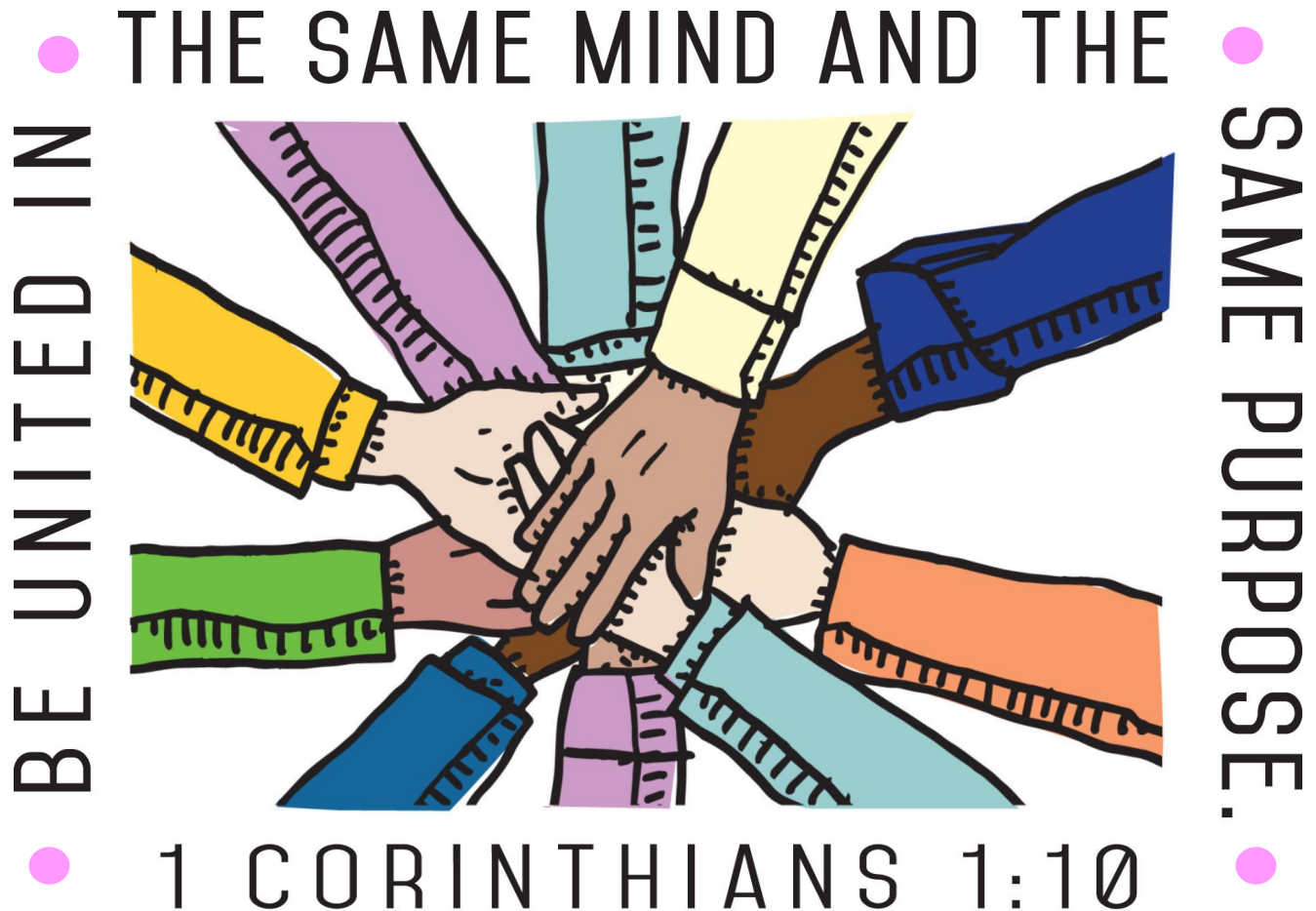


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We celebrate Reconciliation

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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Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Syl Evangelista
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
Linda Heinrichs	Debbie Jablinowski
Diane Jones	Maureen Jost
Kristen Kennedy	Roberta Lamb
Dora Libretti	Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch	Viola Malek
Erin & baby Malley	Jeanne Marie Malley
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci
Mary Polik-Gunther	Carina Ranieri
Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 22nd, 2023, 9AM Mass

Mon. Astrid Lopez (living) &
Liliana Donlon (living)
Tue. Pastor Rebecca Sheridan (living)
Wed. Tyler Alexander
Thu. Jim Emerson



Saturday, January 28th, 5PM Mass

Ann Keena, Teresa Burton, Genaro Cangiano, John Sternberg, Jeanette Titone

Sunday, January 29th, 4th Sun. Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM James Penzavecchia
11:30 AM Giuseppe Pellitteri, Bertha Wilcenski,
Antonio Leonardo, Job & Beatrice Vibal

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

by Father Michael

Some anniversaries bring joy, others tug at the heartstrings. Last Monday was the fifth anniversary of my mother's death. It's a funny thing; we don't always need a calendar to remind us of an anniversary. The mind and heart never forget moments that impact our lives forever. Over the past few weeks, I had a few occasions when I felt a wave of sadness, or anxiety, or fear. Those feelings were not prompted by what I was dealing with at the moment. I think they came from an internal calendar etched in the heart as it recalled all the chaos and heartache that were part of Mom's final journey. We often hear about moving forward, but there are times when the past necessarily needs to come back to remind us of a powerful time in our journey. There will always be times we find ourselves again at the foot of the cross, even if it is only in our memories. Everyone knows the power of the cross. Some have suffered tremendous pain in their loss.

While moments like this are never fun or easy, they do ground us again in the great gift of the Paschal Mystery. We are a people who proclaim the cross to be the central story of our faith. At times we are touched by the sting of the cross, and then there are times when we are caught up in moments of joy and new life. I have told this story before. One morning on vacation, several months after Mom's death, I experienced her presence in the first rays of a rising sun. I can't tell you how many times since then the rising sun has brought me a great feeling of solace and joy. The Paschal Mystery will touch our heart time and time again.

This weekend is the Anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision that opened the door to so many abortions. Some progress has been made in this area. But we continue to pray for a deeper respect for the gift and sanctity of all human life at all stages of life.

And now for something on a completely different note. Last Sunday I decided to make a pot of split pea soup. It seemed like an appropriate activity for a wintery afternoon. I looked at two recipes. One said to soak the peas for 6-8 hours, the other said to simply simmer them. I started with the recipe with the soaked peas, but somehow I got it mixed up with the other recipe. So I was adding lots of water to what were already bloated peas. I ended up with a lot of liquid in the pot. It looked more like pea broth rather than a hearty soup. I started bailing out the excess liquid, and somehow in the end I came out with a pot of soup that tasted pretty darn good. However, I don't think I am ready for my own cooking show unless they are doing a segment, "Don't let this happen to you."

MALE SPIRITUALITY

Men's Prayer Group

All men of the parish are invited to be part of the Men's Prayer Group. Our gatherings will take place on designated Monday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the chapel.

- * January 30: Archetypes (Part 1)
- * February 6: Archetypes (Part 2)
- * March 6: The Sacred Wound

Meeting Format:

- * Centering Prayer
- * Presentation
- * Counsel (Small Group Discussion)
- * Concluding Prayer/Ritual

Centering Prayer requires a few minutes of silence. If you arrive once the prayer has begun, there will be a sign posted by the atrium door indicating our prayer is underway. Please wait there so as to not disturb the silence in the chapel. As soon as prayer has ended you will be invited into the chapel.

Please extend an invitation to anyone you think may benefit from these gatherings. If you are interested in the Prayer Group, but Monday evenings do not work for you, please let Fr. Michael know to see about other times the group can meet.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 22nd • BAPTISMS	1 PM Worship Area
Monday, January 23rd • SPECIAL NEEDS	4 - 6 PM Atr., FJ Room
Tuesday, January 24th • IN STITCHES • RCIA	10 AM Fr. Joe Room 7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, January 25th • SENIORS • THE CHOSEN	11:30AM-2:30PM Atrium 7PM Chapel, Atrium
Thursday, January 26th • THE CHOSEN	1:30 PM Chapel, Atrium
Sunday, January 29th • DISMISSAL	11:30 Mass Worship Area

Scripture Readings for January 29th, 2023



+ *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*
+ *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*
+ *Matthew 5:1-12*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, January 28th/29th

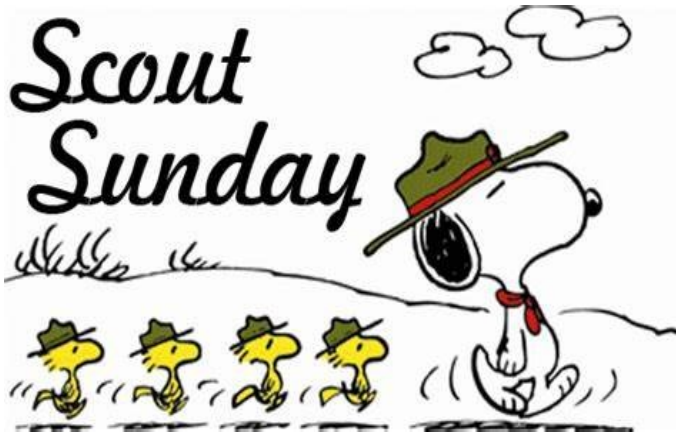


5:00 PM	Fr. Michael
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael
9:30 AM	Fr. Michael
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

The Bread and Wine for the week January 22nd-28th have been donated in loving memory of Chase Turano on his 1st birthday in heaven by Barbara & Phil Hoos.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY



Boy Scout Sunday

February 5, 2023 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

Akjb23@optonline.net or 516-996-2295

Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & Stand

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

Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday – March 5th

LITURGY BYTES

The Mass – Why We Do What We Do – Part 1

Catholics seem to know what to do and what comes next at Mass. One of the basic marks of our way of praying is ritual: we do things over and over. When the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” without any thought or hesitation the congregation answers, “and with your Spirit.” The priest says, “let us pray,” and the congregation stands up.

Well, our daily lives have their rituals too. There are set ways of greeting people, eating, responding to a text, etc. I am sure you agree. When we are accustomed to a certain way of doing things, we seldom ask why we do it that way. Right? Well in the Mass, we also have many ritual actions which we perform without asking why.

I read that a good way to describe the Mass is to say that it is Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday made present today in ritual. It is not merely a meal which reminds us of the Last Supper, or a Passion play which helps recall Good Friday, or a sunrise service which celebrates the Lord’s Resurrection.

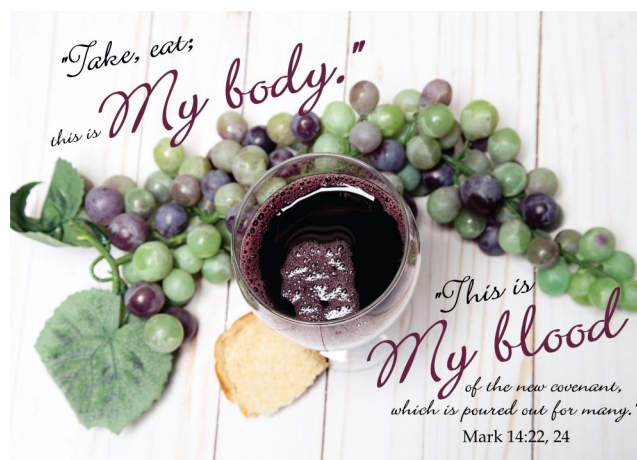
The basic shape of the ritual of the Mass can be described as a meal. This is not to say it is “just another meal” or that we are ignoring the Mass as sacrifice. Not at all. The point is, the shape of the Mass, even when viewed as sacrifice, is that of a meal.

When friends gather for a meal, they sit and talk. Eventually, they move to the table, say grace, pass the food and eat and drink, and finally take their leave and go home.

Over the next few columns, we will take a look at some of these rituals and what they mean and why we do them. We will follow how we gather for a meal and see the ritual acts of gathering, storytelling, meal sharing and commissioning.

Please be sure to continue watching this column as we explain and understand the above-mentioned acts that consist of the Sunday celebration we participate in.

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



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WINTER CARNIVAL

Thank you to our Winter Carnival Committee who worked so hard to make this event happen: Jennifer Ferraro, Danielle Horvath, Erika Lazzaruolo, Erika Nordin, Carrie Palmer and Robin Rostron. And thank you to the 25+ 7th and 8th graders who donated their time to run the games and stations. We are truly a blessed parish!

Here are pictures from our Winter Carnival that was held Friday, January 13th, for our Levels 1 and 2 Religious Education students.



COLLECTION NEWS

Statement of Contributions

A statement of your contributions to Holy Cross for the year 2022 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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Special Collection

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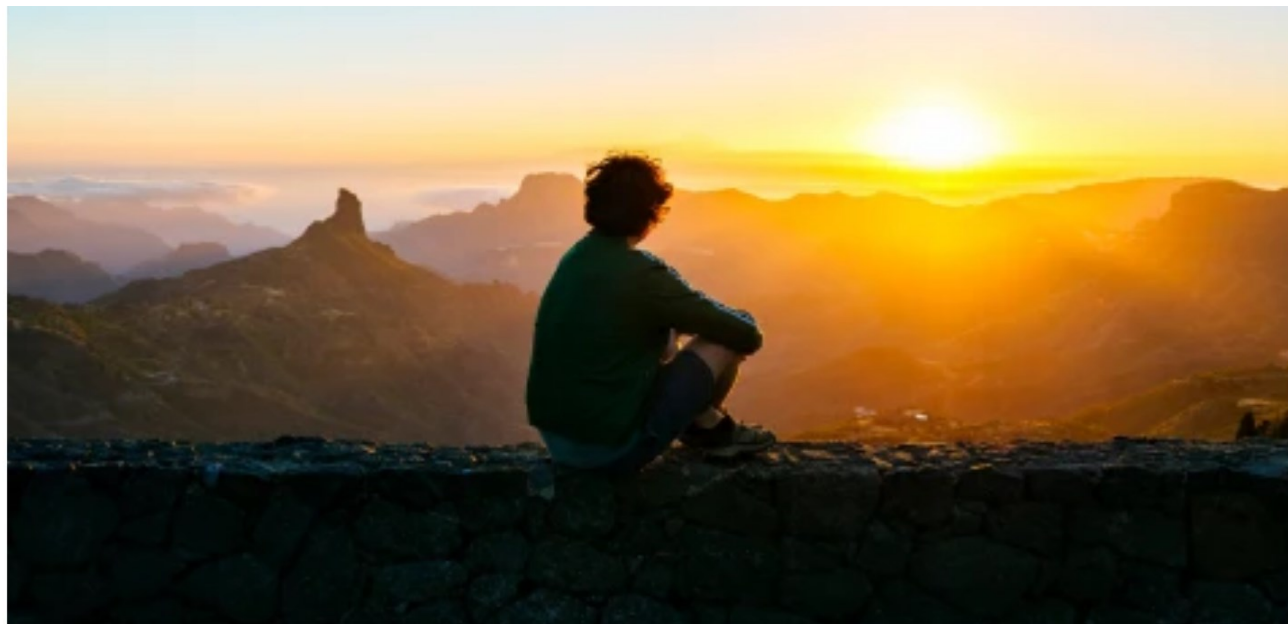


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Winter Windfall

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!

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