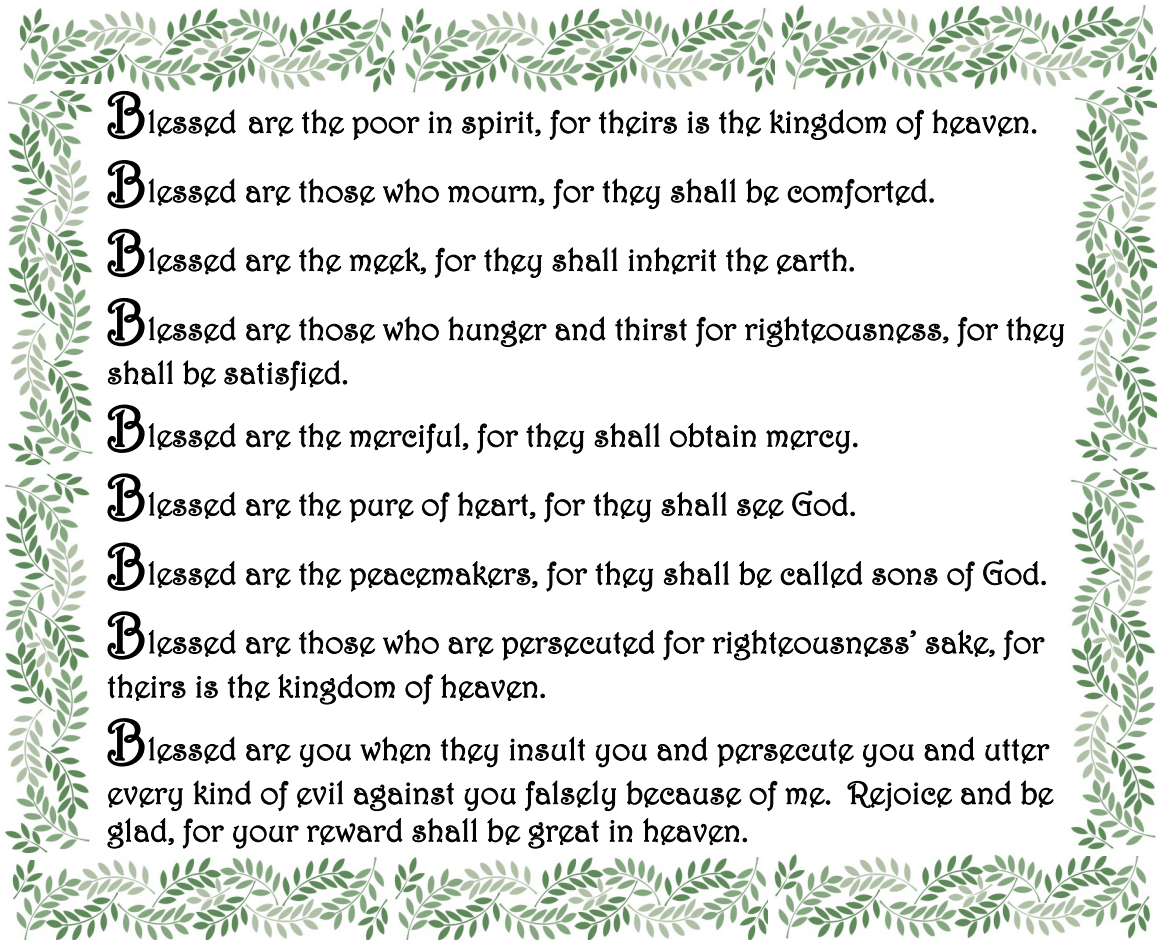


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**We celebrate Eucharist**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM  
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## Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
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Liam Richards	Elaine Ruane
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

## Mass Intentions Schedule

### Week of Sunday, Jan. 29th, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** JoAnn Galgano  
**Tue.** Maron Brady  
**Wed.** Mary Morris  
**Thu.** Andrew M. Simko



### Saturday, February 4th, 5PM Mass

Jerry Gorman, Andre Williams, Debra Yarincik,  
Elizabeth Alfano, Kathleen Jensen

### Sunday, February 5th, 5th Sun. Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Ellen Brady  
**9:30 AM** Michael Corcoran, Gloria Posimato,  
Joseph Gatto, Richard Anthony Miller,  
Beverly Loyst  
**11:30 AM** People of the Parish

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.

# REWINDING THE CASSETTE

*by Father Michael*

I recently heard that, sometime in the not-so-distant future, new cars will not be equipped with radios. (Ironically, I heard this on the radio while driving in my car.) You will plug in your device and get your favorite radio station from an app as well as whatever music you want to listen to. The car will still come with speakers, but the source of your programming will be your phone. I don't know about you, but stuff like this baffles my mind and makes me a bit nervous. I definitely missed the technology train.

During my time in the seminary and my early years of priesthood I acquired a number of cassette tapes on the scriptures and other aspects of spirituality. Some of the recordings are on CDs as well. I have certainly updated my library since then, but it is as if some of those old teachings became part of my spiritual foundation. Through the years there were times I wanted to listen to some of those classics. I had a "boom box" that served me well, but it eventually died. Much to my amazement, you can still buy a cassette/CD player on-line. I ordered one to keep me going. So, while most of the world is downloading apps and signing up for monthly subscriptions, I am still rewinding and then hitting the play button. Listening to vinyl has become trendy, so in my own way maybe I am creating my own craze!

It is important to broaden our horizons and keep up to date with things that are important to us. But it is also important to know what waters will quench our thirst and fill our souls. There is wisdom to be found in new insights as well as some of the tried and true places that have served us well through the ages.

This weekend's gospel is the beginning of the famous Sermon on the Mount, which is known as the beatitudes. Jesus tries explaining that being his disciple requires looking at life through a different set of lenses. The words are familiar, but they can take a lifetime to understand and begin to live out.

Every week in the bulletin you will see an advertisement for an ongoing fundraiser for the parish which at this time of year is called the "Winter Windfall." This is a variation of what used to be the Cash Calendar. Instead of having monthly drawings for cash, we now do it on a quarterly basis. We don't make a lot of money from it, but there are some parishioners who enjoy supporting the parish in this format. Last autumn the participation was low. We ended up giving away more money in prizes than we took in. We will monitor how the winter drawing goes. Needless to say, if this fundraiser starts costing us money, then we will need to offer other alternatives.

Men's Prayer Group meets Monday at 7:00 PM. Newcomers are most welcome. This week we dive into the classic male archetypes. Are you a king, warrior, lover or magician? If you don't know, come and see.

# 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

<b>Sunday, January 29th</b>	<b>11:30 Mass</b>
• DISMISSAL	Worship Area
<b>Monday, January 30th</b>	<b>4 - 6 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atr., FJ Room
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP	7PM Chapel
• VBS MEETING	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Tuesday, January 31st</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, February 1st</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
<b>Thursday, February 2nd</b>	<b>10 AM - 2 PM</b>
• CATHOLIC HEALTH SERVICES	Parking Lot
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	10AM Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
<b>Saturday, February 4th</b>	<b>3:45 - 4:45 PM</b>
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, February 5th</b>	<b>9:30 Mass</b>
• BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	Worship Area
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM Worship Area

## *Scripture Readings for February 5, 2023*



- + Isaiah 58:7-10
- + 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- + Matthew 5:13-16

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 4th/5th



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

## Holy Hour for Sanctity of all Human Life

We offer our **Holy Hour** on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on **Saturday, February 4th**. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of life to be recognized by all.



## Anointing of the Sick

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, February 5th**, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

## 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for  
your support!**

# LITURGY BYTES

## The Mass – Why We Do What We Do – Part 2

Last week we began taking another look at the Mass emphasizing the idea of ritual and how rituals are a big part of our everyday lives. This week we will begin with the gathering. The purpose of this rite is to bring us together into one body, ready to listen and break bread together. Most parishes have people at the entranceway welcoming or greeting you each week. In some parishes, this ministry is referred to as *Greeters*. Don't we do the same thing when guests arrive at our homes for dinner or a party? We greet them and welcome them at the door into our homes. It is the same here at the church. In fact, here at Holy Cross, the greeters are also our ushers who take up the collection at Mass.

One of the **first** things we do when entering the church is to bless ourselves with holy water. This ritual is a reminder of our baptisms when we were baptized with water and signed with the cross.

**Second**, before taking a seat, we genuflect on one knee to acknowledge the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. New to us here at Holy Cross is the tabernacle in a very visible place in the sanctuary.

**Third**, we take the posture of standing when Mass begins. Standing is the traditional posture of a Christian at prayer. It expresses our attentiveness to the Word of God and our readiness to carry it out. At most weekend Masses, we also sing together. What better way to gather than to unite our thoughts and our voices in common word, rhythm, and melody.

**Fourth**, the priest or presider reminds us again of our baptism with the sign of the cross and the greeting: "The Lord be with you." It is a warm, friendly greeting wishing us a good day or a goodbye. It is also a profound statement of faith. It is an ancient biblical greeting found in the Hebrew scriptures.



**Fifth**, we are asked to pause and recall our need for salvation in the Penitential Rite, followed by the Gloria, which is either recited or sung. The Gloria is omitted during the Advent and Lenten seasons. At the close of this first part of the Mass is the Opening Prayer, when we join our minds and hearts in prayer together, responding "Amen" at the conclusion.

Next week, we shall move into the storytelling part of Liturgy of the Word.

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

# PARISH OUTREACH



## Mobile Outreach Bus

# Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccinations

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings and **flu vaccinations** in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



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- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
- **Free flu vaccination** (senior dose available)



## Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **February 4th/5th**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

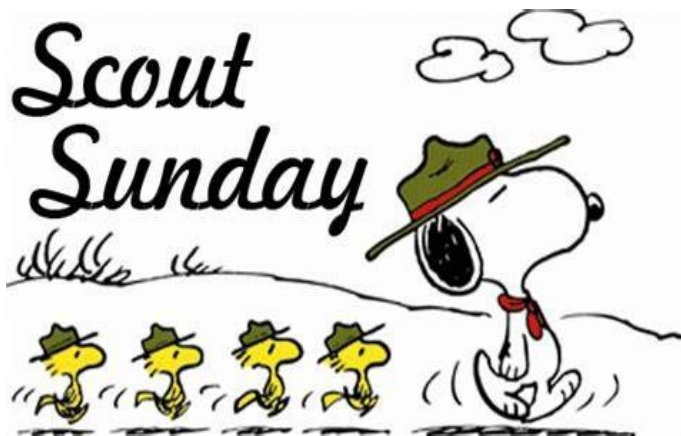
- Mayonnaise
- Beans
- Jelly
- Paper Towel



Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!

# SCOUT SUNDAY

## Celebrating Scouts!



### 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

[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 **January 28th** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group.*



### Girl Scout Sunday

Tell your Scouting friends.....All Are Welcome

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early

Uniforms/Sashes for scouts & leaders

Contact Kim Loh Bodor

[Akjl23@optonline.net](mailto:Akjl23@optonline.net) or 516-996-2297

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

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



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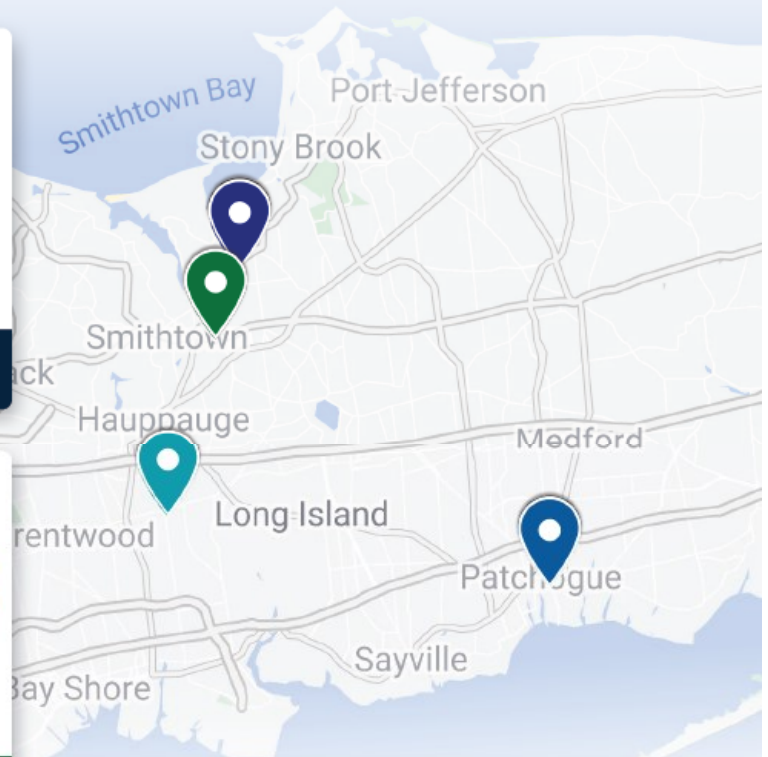
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Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of St. James, Seaford

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

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**Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

**Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)



# 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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