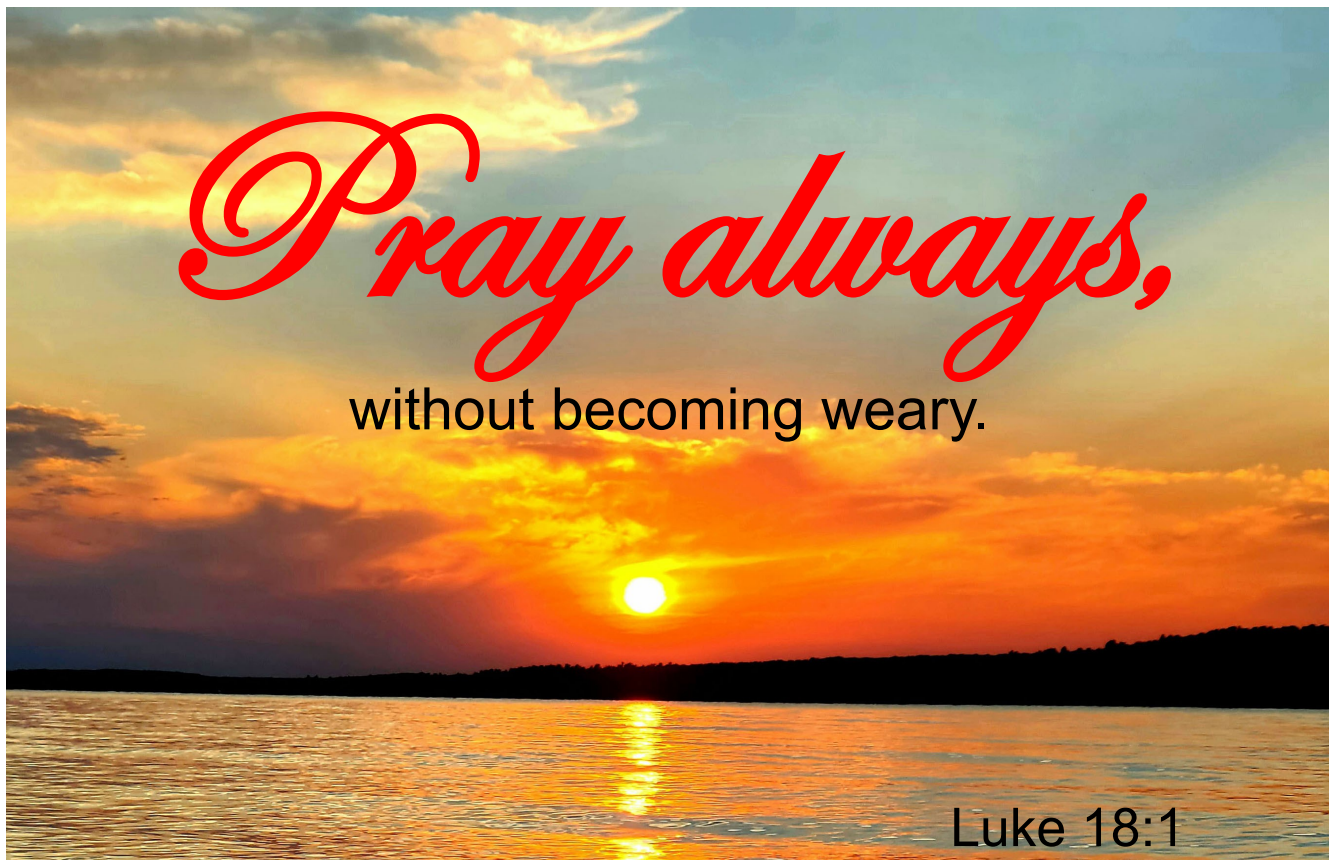


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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 16, 2022

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:

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Dan Bryan
Ann Callari	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Manuela Diaz	Matthew DiPietro
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Syl Evangelista	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Robert Gann
Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
Maureen Jost	Kristen Kennedy
Robert 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	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Peter Warns
Ray Yager	Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of October 16, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. John Conlin
Tue. Joseph Scialabba
Wed. James P. Moran
Thu. Robert Alderdice Jr.

Saturday, October 22nd, 5 PM Mass

Elizabeth Shea, William John Kelly Jr., Rosemarie
Schroeder, Jeanette Klym Kiesnoski, Walter T.
Wozniak

Sunday, Oct. 23rd, 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joan Czaplyski
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Marjorie Conlon, John E. Cook, Richard
Kramps, Robert Alderdice Jr., Nina
Mascari, Deacon George Reich



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.

ETERNAL TREASURE OR FADING RELIC?

by Father Michael

Last week I attended the fall Clergy Conference for our Diocese. There was a guest speaker. He was a theologian from Philadelphia who spoke to us on preaching the Eucharist during this time of Eucharistic Revival. The United States Bishops have declared these two years, which began in June, to be a time of revival and renewal. The intent is to bring a deeper appreciation of the power, truth, and gift of the Eucharist. There is a growing trend of those who do not fully believe or understand what it is when we say we believe in the “real presence” in the Eucharist. In addition, attendance at Sunday Mass is in a state of decline. At this conference the priests heard ways in which we might try to preach more dynamically on the Eucharist.

During the Covid shutdown, livestreaming of Mass became a lifeline for our parish and elsewhere. There are still some folks who are not able to attend in person and rely on this connection to the Eucharist and Holy Cross. But there is a national concern that for some Catholics the convenience of “catching Mass at home” has replaced the need to gather to share in the Eucharist. It is an enormously different experience to view something at home instead of gathering with other faithful parishioners and actually receiving the Eucharist. But for some, that distinction is being lost.

On September 14th we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. In his homily, Bishop Andrzej urged families to come to Mass on a regular basis. Some have accepted his invitation, many more have not. On October 2nd at 11:30 we had a special opening Mass for our Religious Education program. Almost four hundred attended, almost twice the usual number. But since then, attendance has returned to its usual levels. Invitations are extended, good liturgies are offered, people are appreciative of the experience, but it’s hard to see if any of this is having long term or widespread impact.

If you are reading this article, there is a strong likelihood that the Eucharist is an important part of your life. But I’m sure all of us know people, perhaps even in our own families, for whom the Eucharist is no longer a regular part of their lives. I don’t know how we can change hearts. I don’t have any miracle suggestions to offer. At the very least we need to recognize that a truth which lies at the heart of who we are is in a time of uncertainty and perhaps even turmoil.

“Take and eat” and “do this in memory of me” are words that can change hearts and change the world. May we never lose sight of what has been offered to us.

(Mark your calendar: Men’s Evening of Prayer — Monday, October 24th, at 7PM)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 15th	10 AM - 3 PM
• FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL	All Areas
Monday, October 17th	7 PM
• LEVEL 3 ROSARIES	Worship Area
Tuesday, October 18th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• ALTAR SERVER TRNG. 4:30PM	Worship Area
• MOMS' GROUP 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 19th	4 PM or 7 PM
• ENCOUNTER	Chapel/Atrium
Thursday, October 20th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Sunday, October 23rd	After 9:30 Mass
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Fr. Joe Room
• BAPTISMS 1PM	Worship Area

*The Bread and Wine for the week October 16-22 have been donated in loving memory of **Maria Eannacone** by her family.*



Banns of Marriage

First Time

Katelyn Connolly & Kevin Recuperero

Scripture Readings for October 23rd, 2022



+ Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
+ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
+ Luke 18:9-14

Special Collections

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

Next weekend we will also be collecting for **World Mission Sunday**. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Thank you for your support!



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

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?



If your answer is "YES" to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be starting soon. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116.

PARISH OUTREACH

October 2022

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are aware that during the past year you may have experienced the death of a loved family member or friend. Our parish community of Holy Cross wishes to be with you at a special Mass for the bereaved.

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to celebrate a

*SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ON THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS*

*Wednesday, November 2, 2022
at 7pm*

We hope as many people as possible are able to join us for this special Mass, which celebrates the Eternal Life of your deceased family member or friend. **A candle will be lit for your deceased family member during the Mass.**

We look forward to being with you and praying with you.

Peace,

Your Holy Cross Family

All parishioners who were buried from Holy Cross will have their names read during the Mass.

PARISH OUTREACH



Holiday Bereavement Support Group

If you are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

Please join us for this 3-week session focusing on:

“Ways to Handle Grief During the Holidays.”

This Bereavement Group is for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. We will meet Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

The dates are as follows:

November 2nd, November 9th and November 16th

Please register by calling Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 ext. 113, leave your name and number, and you will be contacted by the Facilitator of the group. We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this holiday time. Hopefully, together we will uncover ways to go through the holidays with a little joy.



PARISH OUTREACH

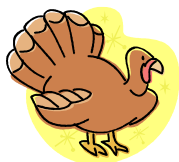
“BEING CHRIST”

*“COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE BURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”*

These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross.

We thank you so very much for your consistent support of Parish Outreach and its programs.

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.



1. Monetary donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our **Thanksgiving Program**. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket. We anticipate 40-50 families will need our assistance this Thanksgiving.



2. Some winters, Outreach is asked to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to households in need. We are able to as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by making a donation, please mark “**Fuel Assistance**” on your envelope.



3. Participate in our **Christmas “Be an Angel” Program**. Again this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 14th through December 4th. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel Program.

If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach Office. We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners. **We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!**

PARISH OUTREACH

A Special Presentation for Women

Please join us on November 3rd at 1PM in the Atrium as we welcome C.O.P.E. Officer Sue of the 4th Precinct. Officer Sue will be hosting a presentation on women's personal safety. As a Suffolk County Police Officer, she will share her knowledge and expertise as she educates and enlightens us on positive, concrete ways to stay safe. Please RSVP by November 2nd by calling Outreach at 631-265-2200.

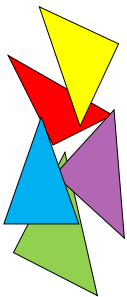
Date & Time: November 3rd at 1:00 PM
Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

Attention Seniors

Please join us on Thursday, November 10th, at 1:30 PM as we welcome Brian from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging. Brian will be presenting a detailed overview of the services provided for Seniors by Suffolk County. The services discussed are meant to enhance, enrich, and assist the life of Seniors. Please join us for this informative afternoon. Please RSVP by November 9th by calling Outreach at 631-265-2200.

Date & Time: November 10th at 1:30 PM
Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

Dress a Girl Around the World



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

Our "Cut-Ups" will meet **Thursday, October 27th, from 1PM-3PM** 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 will be kicking off our new year of *Dress a Girl* on October 27th. This past year, we completed 200 dresses and sent them on their way to Haiti. We are looking forward to our new year together and creating more beautiful little girl dresses.

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!

LITURGY BYTES

October & the Rosary



The month of October is known as the month of the Rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occurs on October 7th. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

If the rosary is not a part of your regular prayer life right now, it is easy to get your feet wet with this devotion. Here are some helpful tips:

1. You do not have to pray the rosary all at once – pray a decade at a time when you have some free time.
2. You can pray it anywhere – keep it in your pocket, pocketbook and even in the car, and pull it out when you feel the need for prayer.
3. You can pray the rosary in different ways – focus on Mary and the words of the Angel Gabriel “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,” and at other times focus on Christ’s life.
4. You can fit the entire rosary into your schedule – whether it’s one decade at a time or all five. It is possible to do in between meetings, running errands, waiting in a doctor’s office.
5. Even if you are distracted and unable to unplug from the concerns of the day, or too exhausted to pray well, it is still worthwhile to give God this space in your day.
6. Think of it as an opportunity to slow down, calm our hearts and minds and enable us to rest in God’s presence.

So perhaps this week, we can find our rosary beads, keep them handy within our reach, and connect with this beautiful prayer.

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

LITURGY



Serving the Needs of our Parish Family WILL YOU JOIN US?

*At this time, we need assistance in the following areas:
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. The Diocesan training
sessions will be offered in late October. So, please read on ...*

Maybe you have thought about this in the past. So, why not step up and give it a try now?

- **Eucharistic Ministers** serve Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. Right now, we are especially in need of help at the 5 PM Saturday and 8 AM Sunday Masses. If you attend either of those Masses, please consider joining us.
- **Lectors** who proclaim the Scriptures at Mass are also needed at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and the 8 AM Mass on Sunday. In addition to the training offered by the Diocese, we will offer some local training right here at home.

Please pray and ask the Lord to guide your decision. For questions or more information, please contact Michele Hall at the Parish Office or send an email to: mhall@holycrossrc.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

You are Invited!

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood would like to invite you, women and men, to hear about our **Associate Program**, begun many years ago.

An Associate participates in the spiritual life and the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Before making a commitment, there is a period of time and meetings to discern if this is a call from God in her/his life.

Sister Rosaleen and Sister Maura, together with CSJ Associate, Linda Olson, will be in the Atrium after each Mass (Sat. 5 PM, Sun. 8, 9:30 & 11:30 AM) for the next two weekends — October 22-23 and October 29-30 — with handouts and an opportunity to receive more information about the CSJ Associates.

TAKE A CHANCE!

Fall Cash Fling

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 present the "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held December 1.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there is 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!

Fall Cash Fling

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