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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

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.*

“Whoever wants to become great



among you
must be your
servant.”

Mark 10:43

Come and pray with us!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17, 2021

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:

Celeste Babi
Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace
Eleanor Daly
Ann Egan
Sienna Fricke
Bob Grieco
Diane Jones
Charlotte Lynch
Michael Maroney
Liam Richards
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Kyle Sweeney
Doreen Velkas
Peter Warns

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of October 17th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Estelle Sternberg,
John Starace (living)
Tue. Henri-Robert Lamarque
Wed. Rev. Edward J. Kealey
Thu. Liz Shea

Saturday, October 23rd, 5PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Patrick Keena Jr., Marie Guarino,
William Scarola, Eileen A. Ratto

Sunday, Oct. 24th, 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Michele Ciampi, Christine Lohr, Robert Wentzel, Anthony Fiorito, Elsie & Gaetano Sabatino
11:30 AM Elizabeth Shea



Scripture Readings for October 24, 2021



+ *Jeremiah 31:7-9*
+ *Hebrews 5:1-6*
+ *Mark 10:46-52*

PLAY, SERVE, AND PRAY (PART 3)

by Father Michael

I made my annual retreat last week. I like to go to a place where the surroundings naturally proclaim the power of God's presence. For me, that most easily happens when I am immersed in nature. The desert experience works best for me, so I spent my time in a quiet little corner of Tucson, Arizona. If I can connect a little travel adventure to my prayer, all the better. Experiences like this make my heart soar. I realize opportunities like this are a privilege that not everyone can do. But that is not the only circumstances in which prayer can become a moment of encounter with God. I understand that my role as pastor is to create opportunities here within this community where people can encounter the Lord.

If we remain spiritually awake as our lives progress, we come to new insights into how and what it means to be a person of prayer. Prayer is virtually an endless spectrum of possibilities. Sometimes the prayer is readily identified with our Catholic tradition. Sometimes our prayer takes on more of a personal devotion or practice. What works at one time in our lives may not work forever. In recent years I find that the Rosary is taking on more and more meaning in my life. Silent contemplation takes some effort, but when it happens it is deeply fruitful.

Designating and creating time in our routine for prayer is tremendously helpful. My "hour of power" is often the first hour I am awake in the morning. But prayerful moments can unfold at other unexpected times. More and more I find myself keeping the radio off in the car and allowing my drive to be a mini retreat, even if I am just driving to Meat Farms. Sometimes preparing a meal, making the bed, watering a plant can become a conscious moment of grace.

For the sake of these bulletin columns the past few weeks, I structured my thoughts into three distinct categories. But life is rarely that neat and orderly. All three realms readily blend into each other. While at the museum I found myself praying for those brave and courageous military personnel who once flew those planes. There are times when prayer turns to fun as you notice the playful spirit of some of God's little creatures as they give praise in their own way. Our lives become a tapestry; the more we can appreciate the many threads that make it up, the more balanced we become. Sometimes we plan the activities of our lives, and those efforts help to keep our lives focused and in good order. But there are also moments when God's Spirit just works its way into our lives in unpredictable ways. It's the gift of life. Embrace it and receive all that is offered, both great and small.

That's all for now . . .

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PARISH NEWS

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, October 23rd/24th



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

Banns of Marriage



First Time

Lauren Gravagna & William Forte

Second Time

Kathryn Sarmiento & Lorenzo Mercado

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 three training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on three consecutive Wednesday afternoons: October 20, 27 and November 3.

Please call the Parish Office to register.



Meetings this Week

- Sunday, October 17th** 11:30 AM
 • CHILDREN'S LITURGY Fr. Joe Room
 • YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM Atrium
- Monday, October 18th** 4-6 PM
 • GREATER NEEDS Atrium
- Tuesday, October 19th** 10 AM
 • IN STITCHES Fr. Joe Room
 • PROJ. HOPE MANAGING STRESS 7PM Wor.Ar.
 • PRE-CANA MEETING 7:30PM Fr. Joe Room
- Wednesday, October 20th** 4:30 PM
 • ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Worship Area
 • THE CHOSEN 7PM Wor. Ar./Atr.
- Thursday, October 21st** 10 AM
 • SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium
 • LEV. 8 PARENT/STUDENT MTG. 7PM Wor. Ar.
- Friday, October 22nd** 6 PM
 • PRE-CANA WEEKEND All Areas
- Saturday, October 23rd** 8 AM - 6:30 PM
 • PRE-CANA WEEKEND All Areas
- Sunday, October 24th** After 9:30 Mass
 • BAPTISM GATHERING Fr. Joe Room
 • BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area
 • YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM Atrium

Special Collections

This weekend we will be collecting for our **Repairs and Major Renovations** fund.

Next weekend is the collection for **World Missions**. In places like Uganda, people face food uncertainty and violence...in the Philippines, local clergy face martyrdom...in Oceania, people's livelihoods are threatened by climate change...in remote places of Latin America, people are hearing the Gospel for the first time. Thank you for your support of this collection!

PARISH NEWS

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 one of those questions above, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** You will be glad you did! 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. Join us for our **Fall Kickoff** event:

Sunday, October 17 - The Youth Group will be having a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM! All new 9th graders who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this October are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact our Youth Minister, Allie Roecklein, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org.

Last Chance to Sign up for: **The Chosen**

The Chosen is an eight-part film series portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Based on the Gospels, this series illustrates the lives of everyday people and the profound impact Jesus had on their lives.



Join us for 4 evenings as we view Parts 1, 2, 3, & 4:

Wednesdays, October 20, 27, November 3 & 10, from 7:00-8:30 PM

There will be time for discussion after each episode.
Parts 5 – 8 will be shown after the first of the new year.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by October 18:

I would like to attend **The Chosen**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

LITURGY BYTES

The Month of the Rosary



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotions. The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, one of the most popular known devotions.

The actual feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7th. You might be wondering, why was October 7th chosen to celebrate this feast? On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria.

The ships were powered by the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary because the Pope at the time (St. Pius V) called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. This victory was significant because it prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe and showed the hand of God working through our Blessed Mother.

In various places in Italy, there are images from this victory. For example, in Rome on the ceiling of St. Maria in Aracoeli there are decorations in gold taken from the Turkish galleys. Over in Venice, in the Doges' Palace, one can see a giant Islamic flag from one of the Turkish ships. At St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, close to the tomb of St. Pius V (Pope), is another Islamic flag from the battle. It should be noted that in 1965, the flag was returned to Istanbul as a friendly token of accord.

At Lepanto, the victory over the Muslims was won because of the praying of the Rosary. This battle was celebrated as a feast called Our Lady of Victory, but later it was renamed the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and extended throughout the universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716.

In later years, Our Lady appeared to the children of Fatima and told them she was Our Lady of the Rosary and taught them and us to pray the Rosary every day.

In 2002, Saint Pope John Paul II expanded the Rosary's power announcing the Year of the Rosary and adding the Luminous Mysteries. During this month of October, may we renew our devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary.

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

LITURGY

Attention Ushers!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

and be sure to join us for an Ushers' meeting on **Monday, October 25th**, at **7PM** in the Worship Area. Discussion will focus on this new revitalized ministry.



USHERS' MINISTRY



HOLY CROSS WOULD LIKE TO REVITALIZE OUR USHERS' MINISTRY! IF YOU ARE A REGULAR AT THE SATURDAY, 5 PM MASS, OR YOU ARE HERE SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EITHER THE 8, 9:30 OR 11:30, WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR ASSISTANCE.

JOIN US FOR A MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, AT 7 PM IN THE WORSHIP AREA AND COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE OR EMAIL MICHELE HAHN AT: MHAHN@HOLYCROSSRC.ORG

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE USHERS' MINISTRY.

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

EMAIL _____



PARISH OUTREACH

NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID



*NY Project Hope helps people manage and cope with changes brought on by COVID-19.

We all respond to stress in different ways
including fear, anxiety, and grief.

**Please join us on
Tuesday, October 19th,
from 7pm to 8pm
as we share strategies for coping and
managing stress during COVID.**

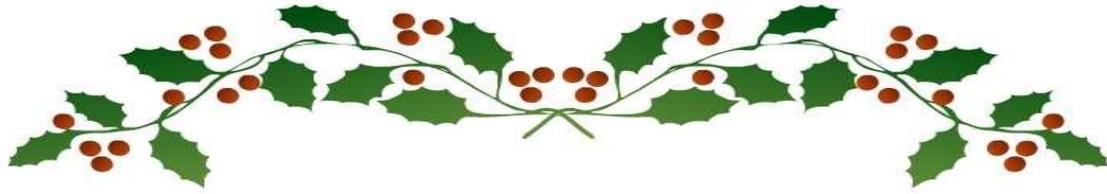
***Our speakers are trained Crisis Counselors from
NY Project Hope.

- **Please call to make a reservation**
- **All are welcome!**

The Parish of the Holy Cross Outreach

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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 three week session focusing on:

“Ways to Handle Grief During the Holidays”

This Bereavement Group will consist of those handling the passing of either a wife or husband. We will meet Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. The dates are as follows:

October 28th, November 4th and November 18th

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

Thank You!!!

On Friday, October 8th, we hosted our first “Cutting Party” for our new project “Dress a Girl Around the World.” Twenty-three women came together to share the afternoon creating something special for little girls in need. It was an enthusiastic group, all sharing their time and talent to get this project off the ground. The day was a huge success as we completed sixteen dress kits. Not bad for our first outing! Thank you to all who participated to make this day so wonderful. I am so grateful for all who came out to cut, iron and pack the kits. A special thank you to Donna Akuntius, Barbara Shipman and Mary Ann Viscusi for their leadership role in this project. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

We had our first “Cooking out of the Pantry with Jackie” on Sunday, October 10th, and it was a huge success! Jackie demonstrated three recipes which were then served to those who attended the dinner. It was a delicious meal with step-by-step directions on how to prepare at home using items found in our Outreach Pantry. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help set up, serve and clean up. All your help made this event a huge success! Thank you also to all those who attended. We were happy you could join us! It was a wonderful afternoon with an amazing dinner. A special thank you to Jackie Vecchiarelli for sharing with us her knowledge, her skill, and her wonderful recipes. We look forward to the next dinner hosted by Jackie. Below are pictures from our afternoon, and there are recipes on the following pages!!

Thank you,
Kelley

Cooking out of the Pantry!



PARISH OUTREACH

CHICKEN PATTIES WITH LEMON AIOLI

(Makes 7-8 patties)

INGREDIENTS

Chicken Patties:

- 10 oz canned chicken, drained well
- 1 large egg
- 1 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 ½ Tbsp flour
- ¼ tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 splash of hot sauce, or 1/8 tsp of black pepper
- ¼ tsp salt and additional salt to taste
- ½ cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 2 cups corn flakes, crushed
- 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Lemon Aioli:

- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 ½ Tbsp lemon juice
- ¼ tsp salt



DIRECTIONS

Chicken patties:

1. Place drained chicken in a medium bowl and break apart to desired consistency.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together egg, mayonnaise, flour, thyme, garlic powder, onion powder, hot sauce (or pepper), and salt. This will be your batter mixture.
3. Add chicken and mozzarella to the batter and mix well with a spoon until the chicken is well coated by the batter mixture.
4. Cover bowl and refrigerate the mixture for at least 30 minutes.
5. Scoop out mixture using an ice cream scoop (or serving spoon), and form into ½ inch thick patties. Dip both sides in the corn flakes and set aside on a plate.
6. Heat 1 Tbsp of oil in a frying pan over low-medium heat. Add half of the patties and cook for 3-4 minutes on each side. Remove patties and sprinkle with salt if desired. Add the remaining 1Tbsp of oil and repeat the cooking process with remaining patties.

Lemon Aioli

1. In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, garlic, lemon juice, and salt.

PARISH OUTREACH

MIXED GREEN AND BEET SALAD

(~6 Servings)

INGREDIENTS

- 5 cups of mixed greens
- 1 cup of jarred beets, sliced into ¼ inch strips
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup feta crumbles
- 1/8 cup red onion, sliced thin
- ½ cup roasted walnuts, chopped
(or nuts of your choice)
- Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

DIRECTIONS

- Add greens to a large bowl.
- Top greens with beets, cranberries, feta, onion, and walnuts.
- Dress with desired amount of balsamic vinaigrette



PARISH OUTREACH

PUMPKIN MOUSSE PARFAIT

(Makes ~8 cups)

INGREDIENTS

- 1(3.4 oz) package of instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ tsp cinnamon, and additional for topping
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 (15 oz) can of pumpkin puree
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- ¾ tsp of vanilla extract
- 1 cup 1% milk
- 1 ½ cup of heavy cream
(or 3 cups of thick ready-made whipped cream)
- 8 graham crackers, crushed



DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, whisk together pudding mix, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, and salt.
2. Add pumpkin puree, syrup, vanilla, and milk to pudding/spice mixture, and beat with hand mixer until smooth.
3. In a large bowl, whip heavy cream until stiff peaks form (~8-10 minutes).
4. Fold 2 cups of whipped cream into the pumpkin mixture until smooth and uniform in color. Reserve remaining whipped cream for topping.
5. Spoon the mousse into 8x 9 oz cups, so there is about an inch of mousse covering the bottom of each cup. Top cups of mousse with half of the crushed graham crackers, and then cover with another inch of mousse.
6. Add a dollop of the remaining whipped cream to each cup, and sprinkle with remaining graham crackers. Add a dash of cinnamon if desired.

ENJOY!

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 introduce the "Fall Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through September, October and November.
- Drawing will be held November 30.

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!

Fall Cash Fling

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