The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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.



Come and pray with us!

1st Sunday of Advent - November 27, 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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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Remembering Our Sick

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

2	Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
0	Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
	Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
0	Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
8	Pattie Daly-Matonti	Manuela Diaz
	Matthew DiPietro	Ann Egan
8	Jim Emerson	Syl Evangelista
ľ	Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
8	-	Diane Jones
	Maureen Jost	Kristen Kennedy
8	Roberta Lamb	Dora Libretti
	Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
8	Viola Malek	Erin & baby Malley
	Jeanne Marie Malley	Olivia Melia
8	Loretto Narducci	Mary Polik-Gunther
	Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards
8	Elaine Ruane	Barbara Sherry
	Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney
	Bill Tanner	Peter Warns
	Danny You	ingworth
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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of November 27, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Anthony Brady
Tue. Carol Kloetzer
Wed. Vickie Degruccio
Thu. Vanessa Zapata Lopez (living) & Daniela Lopez (living)

Saturday, December 3rd, 5 PM Mass

Gloria Kelly, Dario DeNardi, Eric Schwarz, Theresa Schwarz, Draceli Escudero Pirez

Sunday, December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Bernard Zollo,	
	Jessie DiMichele, Freddie Meyers, Olga	
	Yanopulos	
9:30 AM	People of the Parish	

11:30 AM Bobby Alderdice

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.

A SINGLE CANDLE

by Father Michael

These days bring with them a certain degree of frenzy for most people. Thanksgiving is a beautiful day, but there is often a great deal of effort that surrounds that one festive meal. Much preparation is required in the kitchen. In some instances people are traveling many miles. The setup and cleanup are not simple tasks. It is a great blessing when out of the midst of all that activity, a beautiful time can be shared with family. It can be a day for creating new memories, growing closer and celebrating blessings with loved ones.

After all of that passes it would seem appropriate to take some quiet time to rest and recoup, but no such luck. I suppose Thanksgiving always marked the time that preparation for Christmas was to begin. But in more recent years a new day has been created which can take hold of our focus — Black Friday. Whoever would have thought there would be such emphasis placed on a day of retail sales?

And so, Thanksgiving quickly passes and we find ourselves in an unofficial season of added activity and expectations. Shopping, decorating, planning, and celebrating all start to consume our time and our energy. None of these activities are misguided; there can be blessings in them. But there is also something more. The Church calls us to a time of holy waiting. We are invited to prayerfully embrace a time of expectation. We mark the passing of these days with one candle per week as the four weeks pass. There is something inviting about this time of quiet anticipation, but it also is contrary to most everything else that is happening in life.

As "out of sync" as Advent may feel, it does offer a point of reference that can ground us. When parents are expecting the birth of a child, the days that precede that moment are filled with great expectation, wonder and awe. Can we in someway also embrace this hopeful waiting? Jesus was a precious gift given to us. To be mindful of that gift of God's presence can indeed bring life that can be found no where else. This gift is freely given. It doesn't require abundant work to receive, only an open heart. May these days be filled with that openness to allow the Lord Jesus to fill our hearts with his peace and his hope.

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday, so it ends up being the longest Advent possible. The fourth week of Advent is a full seven days. This allows us the most amount of time to get set up for Christmas. Next year is when it really gets crazy with Christmas falling on a Monday. That means on Sunday, December 24th, we have all the regular Masses in the morning, and then at 4:00 the Christmas Masses begin. That becomes a whirlwind of a day. But for the moment, let our season of Advent begin.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, <i>November 26th</i> • ANGEL GIFTS COLLECT		5 PM Atrium
Sunday, November 27th ANGEL GIFTS COLLECT 	TED	All Masses Atrium
Monday, November 28th • SPECIAL NEEDS		4 - 6:30 PM Atr./Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, November 29th • IN STITCHES		10 AM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, December 1st • SCRIPTURE STUDY • RCIA	7PM	10 AM Fr. Joe Room Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, December 3rd • HOLY HOUR • ANGEL GIFTS DUE	5PM	3:45 - 4:45 PM Worship Area Atrium
Sunday, December 4th • ANGEL GIFTS DUE • ANOINTING OF SICK	10:30AM	All Masses Atrium Worship Area

The **Bread and Wine** for the week November 27-December 3 have been donated in loving memory of **Gloria Kelly** by the Rizzo family.



Scripture Readings for December 4th, 2022



- + Isaiah 11:1-10 + Romans 15:4-9
- + Matthew 3:1-12

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, December 3rd/4th</u>



5:00 PM Fr. Frank 8:00 AM Fr. Frank 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, December 3rd**. 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, December 4th, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.

Special Collection

This week at the offertory we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Your gifts bring hope and love to so many through our Parish Outreach Programs and Catholic Charities. More than 600,000 people are served each year through your faithfulness and generosity. Thank you!

Lectors, EMs & Ushers

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

this weekend, November 26th/27th, in the Fr. Joe Room after all the Masses.



Christmas 2022 Mass Schedule The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th 4:00PM, 6:00PM & 10:00PM (No 5:00PM Mass)

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th 8:00AM. 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31st @ 5:00PM Sunday, January 1st @ 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:15PM (except December 24th) Wednesdays after the 9:00AM Mass Monday, December 19th: After the 9:00AM Mass and 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Christmas Mass Intentions - In lieu of individual announced intentions at the Christmas Masses, there are cards in the atrium on which to write your special intentions. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Christmas Masses.

LITURGY BYTES

<u>Our New Year</u>

This week we begin a new liturgical season in the life of the Church. Unlike the weather seasons of fall, winter, spring and summer, the Church's seasons number six.



First Sunday of Advent

The meaning of the liturgical celebrations of the Church is as follows: The Church celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year with sacred remembrance. Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, she commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which also is celebrated once a year known as Easter. Throughout the year, the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and observes the birthdays of the saints. Here are the six seasons and their meaning that make up the liturgical year:

Advent – Four weeks of preparation before the celebration of the birth of Our Lord

Christmas – Yes, it is a season that recalls the nativity of Jesus and his manifestation to the peoples of the world. Traditionally, it ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January.

Lent – A six-week period of penance leading up to Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday

Paschal Triduum – The holiest of days in the Church's year, where we recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Easter – The great 50 days celebrating the Lord's Resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost

Ordinary Time – It is divided into two sections: one span after Christmas season and the other lasting about six months beginning after the Easter season. At this time, we consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and great works among the people.

The mystery of Christ unfolded through the above cycles, calls us to live His mystery in our own lives.

Don't forget, there is a change of colors in the church with all of the above seasons!

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

PARISH OUTREACH

Important Reminder For All Our Shoppers

Next weekend, **December 3rd/4th**, will be your **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to return your Angel gifts or gift cards. Remember to indicate the amount of the gift card on the envelope or on the card itself.

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Our Outreach committee will be sorting the gifts by Sunday, December 4th. Unfortunately, gifts that come in after December 4th may not go to the people in need of them. Thank you for understanding our need to have all Angel items returned by Sunday, December 4th, so that they can be distributed that week.

Reminder: The Angel tags are coded as follows:

BLUE :	Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program
RED:	Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home
PURPLE:	Talbot House, the Catholic Charities crisis center for those struggling with addiction
G REEN:	Toys for children in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto
ORANGE	Mercy Haven, an organization that provides community residence housing for those living with mental illness
PINK:	Supermarket cards to enable a family to have a special meal
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PARISH OUTREACH

If you are in need of assistance with your heating oil this winter, here are resources that you may find helpful.

HEAP- Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is open to eligible New Yorkers to heat and cool their homes. **The 2022-2023 Regular HEAP benefit opened on November 1, 2022.** If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older, or permanently disabled. Please see <u>https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/</u> for more details.

Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on income, available resources, and the type of emergency. **The 2022-2023 Emergency benefit is scheduled to open on January 3, 2023.** For more information and to apply for HEAP, please visit the following website: <u>https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap</u>

Project Warmth - Project Warmth is a safety net for financially struggling individuals and families who are unable to pay their heating bill. This program provides a one-time grant for fuel and/or fuel-related electricity. Payments are made directly to oil and utility companies on behalf of eligible residents facing heating emergencies. If you or someone you know needs emergency heating assistance, call United Way's 2-1-1 Long Island information and referral call center by dialing 2-1-1 (or 1-888-774-7633) Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, for referrals to an intake site.

Press a Girl Around the World

Cut-UPS: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits) Our "Cut-Ups" will meet **Thursday, December 15th, from 1 PM - 3 PM** 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 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!

PARISH OUTREACH

Next Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd/4th, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach pantry. The following items would be most helpful:



- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
 Canned Fruit
 Mayo
- Snacks • Soup • Mavo
 - Beans
- Toothpaste
- Canned Chicken
 Soap
- Shampoo

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Wednesday, November 16th, at 6 PM our 6th grade Religious Education classes visited Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge. Our students learned about our Jewish heritage and were able to tour the Temple. Thank you to Rabbi Alan Stein who was gracious enough to host the students of Parish of the Holy Cross.

Respecting one another's views and beliefs is one of the best ways to find peace with others.



Holy Cross Sweatshirts and T-shirts



Thank you to Island T-Shirts, glenn@islandt-shirts.com, for providing our Holy Cross apparel! We still have some left, so come to the Parish Office to buy your Holy Cross sweatshirt or long-sleeved T-shirt! Cash. check or credit card accepted. Thank you for supporting Holy Cross!

\$20 long-sleeved T-shirt \$25 sweatshirt

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



To Our Catechists, Co-Catechists, Volunteers & Helpers, In thanksgiving for all those who give their gifts to our parish, whose ministry is God's assurance that the Good News will be heard and that young people will be nurtured in the faith.

For your gracious hospitality in opening your hearts and homes to our children, for your faithfulness and joy, for your patience and understanding, for the lives you have touched...We Thank You!! The Parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Cross

Level 2 Megan Boccard Karyn Gillan Erika Lazzaruolo Nicholas Lazzaruolo Amber Lerner Rosann Markowitz Melissa Martinez Sabrina Pupplo Tracy Reilly Elaine Rooney Deanna Rosenberg Nicole Suridis Kelly Tartamella Dawn Thelian Allison Tursi

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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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