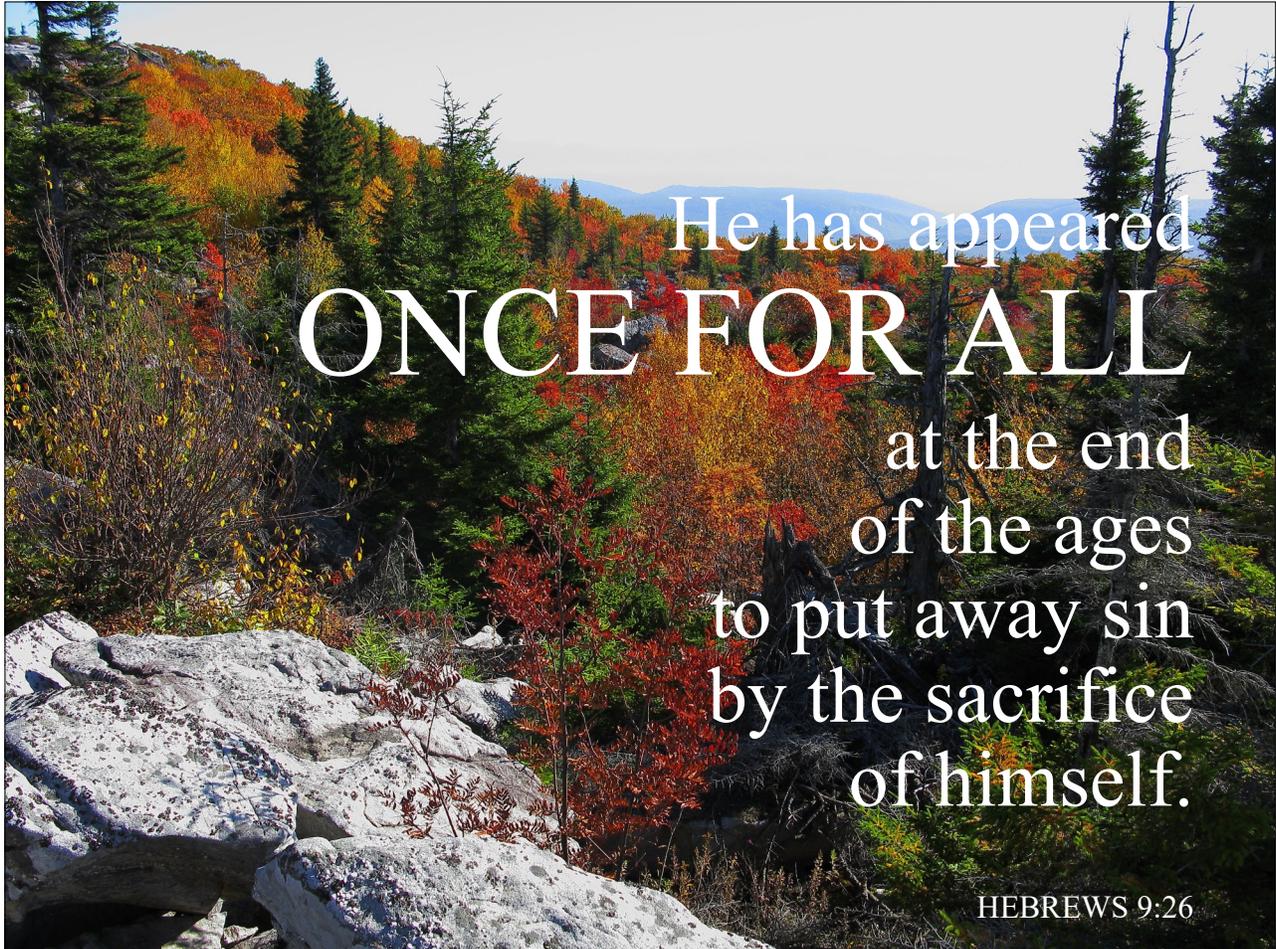


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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 7, 2021

We celebrate Eucharist

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We celebrate Reconciliation

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Eleanor Daly
Manuela Diaz	Ann Egan
Jim Emerson	Ralph Farino
Sienna Fricke	Jeanne Gallo
Bob Grieco	Debbie Jablinowski
Diane Jones	Roberta Lamb
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
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Peter Warns

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.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of November 7th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Henri-Robert Lamarque
Tue. John Schultz
Wed. Estelle Sternberg,
Helen Moss (living)
Thu. Denise Lamarque

Saturday, November 13th, 5PM Mass

Stephen Mattera, William Babington, Joseph Singleton, Gloria Pepe, Nora Shanahan

Sunday, Nov. 14th, 33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Alfred Izzo
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Karen Gerry, Christopher Coluccio,
Arlene Patricia Dee, Vincent DeStefano,
Benito Tucci, Celeste Babi



Scripture Readings for November 14, 2021



+ Daniel 12:1-3
+ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
+ Mark 13:24-32

NOTHING LIKE SUNSET AT 2:30

by Father Michael

Well, I may be exaggerating a bit, but indeed we have entered the time of the year with the shortest hours of daylight. One good thing about the end of daylight savings time, is the one day a year (today) when we get an additional hour of sleep as we set our clocks back. Many people do find the extended periods of darkness to be challenging. It may take extra effort to keep focused and have a positive outlook during these days. Hang in there, in about six weeks the days will start getting longer again.

We just completed our annual celebration of All Souls' Day. This is a day that touches the hearts of many people. There can be great comfort in coming together and reminding ourselves we share in the cross of our Lord. But beyond that, we also share in the promise of new and eternal life. We had our special Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday evening, and many people were there to share in the prayer. To know you are not alone as you grieve the loss of a loved one can be reassuring.

The past few weeks have been particularly busy. We had an unusually high number of funerals, there are still weddings taking place, Outreach drives are underway, and we even had a great Halloween party for our families. The long days can be frazzling, but I am not complaining. In fact, the opposite would be a problem if there were periods of no activity. For a parish community to be "hopping with activity" is not a bad thing; it is a sign of life. If you are touched by the life and spirit of Holy Cross, please share that good news with people you meet. Thank you to all our ministries who share in the work of the Church. It takes many helping hands to meet the needs and serve well the people who are part of this community. From time to time we do seek additional help. Please be open to respond and be part of the good work we share in.

Next week I will be inviting parishioners to stay for about 10 minutes after each of the Masses. I want to share with you some ideas I have for a minor renovation of our chapel and the sanctuary of our Worship Area. At the conclusion of Mass, I will make a presentation and take questions for those who want to stay.

Our offices will be closed on Thursday for Veterans Day. We are called to remember and express gratitude for all those who have served our Nation in the Armed Services. It takes great sacrifice to do this work, but we all share in the protection and freedom they have won for us and continue to protect. May God continue to bless our Nation.

Check out our new website www.holycrossrc.org and subscribe on the homepage to our parish email list. You will never receive spam from the parish, only important notifications!

PARISH NEWS

The *Bread and Wine* for the week November 6-13 have been donated in loving memory of **Catherine Holzmann** by Denise & Art Lichtenberger.



Banns of Marriage Third Time

Niki Marie Pelliccio &
Francesco Vescio



Pray for Our Military

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Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
FC2 Lane Dyar
AS Brandon Ferrara
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA
WO Christopher Kaminsky
Sgt Michael J. Knipper, USMC
SSGT Ryan Mauldin
PFC Ryan McCoy, USMC
Lt Ryan Montvydas
Cpl Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2021.

Please let us know at any time during 2021 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2022. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday, November 11, for Veterans Day. There will be a 9:00 Mass Thursday morning.

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, November 13th/14th



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

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday, November 7th.



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in October:

John Cole
Anthony DiMichele
Manuel Quími
Mary Sarosy

May they rest in peace,
and may their loved ones be consoled.



Holy Cross welcomes these children Baptized in October

Luca Thomas Angotta
Everly Grace Barton
Delilah Mae Budani
Giavanna Antonia Cahill
Luca Giuseppe Cascio
Jameson Michael Daly
Grace Olivia Gobris
Brayden Quintin Hodge
Grayson James Seidl
Jack Thomas Tennant



Holiday Wreath Sale



Come Join the Fun!!!

The Knights of Columbus and our Fundraising Committee will be holding a "Family Fun Wreath Decorating Day" on Saturday, December 4th, from 1-3pm in the courtyard. Families are invited to come and share in some holiday festivities and, additionally, spend time decorating a wreath together for your home. The Knights will also be selling pre-decorated wreaths and log centerpieces during this time on Saturday and after all the Masses the weekend of December 4th & 5th.

Both wreaths and logs will be priced at \$25 each. No pre-orders this year so, first come first serve. Please fill out below if you plan to attend the Saturday, December 4th, family event. Decorations will be provided for each family. We are also looking for helpers for this event. Please contact Barbara DeStefano at 631-265-2200 x110 or email at bdestefano@holycrossrc.org if you can help before, or on that day. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

"Family Fun Wreath Decorating Day"

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ # of family members: _____



Come and Join the Fun!!!

We are looking for new and old members to reboot our fundraising committee. This group currently runs 3-4 events per year including a holiday wreath sale, a basket raffle, and a variety of raffles (to name a few). If you are creative, friendly, and organized, please consider sharing your talents and time in this way. Any time you have is a gift to our parish!

For questions, call or email Barbara DeStefano at 631-265-2200 x110 or bdestefano@holycrossrc.org

Please fill out below and return to the parish office:

Name: _____ Phone: _____



Email: _____

LITURGY BYTES

November Feasts

This week on November 9th, the Church celebrates the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It is the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome. Most people think that St. Peter's Basilica is the official seat, but that is incorrect.

The Basilica is also called the Church of the Holy Savior or the Church of St. John the Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324.

Initially, the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the churches of the Roman rite. The honoring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion. (Romans 1:1)

This magnificent building stands on land that was given to the bishops of Rome by the Emperor Constantine. It was during his reign that the laws restricting the practice of the Church's faith were removed from Roman law and eventually became the favored religion of the Roman emperor. One of the neat features of the Basilica are monumental statues of the 12 Apostles that stand as if they are supporting the ceiling of the church. Larger than life and full of dramatic intensity, the sculptures show the Apostles holding the instruments of their martyrdom. The Apostles are represented not as they were on earth but how they are in heaven. Remember, the faith we profess is the Apostolic faith. We believe and practice the faith that the Apostles believed and practiced. St. John Lateran shows our connection to the Apostles in stone.

This feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth. This feast also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are precious, just as our parish family continues to do with our sacred space here, which we call the Church.



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

PARISH OUTREACH

Would you like to put together a Thanksgiving Basket for an Outreach Family?

SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND!

Any parishioner interested in participating in our Thanksgiving Basket program can sign up after all the Masses this weekend. Please note that you must be able to bring in the **Thanksgiving Basket on Monday, November 22nd, between 7AM—11:30AM** when we have volunteers to receive them.

Each volunteer shopper will be responsible for buying and packaging the food and will be given the menu, shopping list and supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.

The **completed baskets** will be brought to the Parish Center on **Monday, November 22nd, from 7AM to 11:30AM.**

If you are unable to do a basket but would still like to support this program, **donations of money or supermarket gift cards** will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes marked **"Thanksgiving"** can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach Office.

We are grateful for anything you can do to make this a real time to "Give Thanks."



PARISH OUTREACH

Christmas Angels Coming Soon!

Next weekend, November 13th and 14th, will be the first weekend of our Outreach Parish Christmas Project. We are once again requesting **gift cards** to local stores (i.e., Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need.

As you may know, we have also helped the following agencies for the last several years and will continue to do so this Christmas:

Olsen's Rest Home is a neighborhood facility for frail elderly on Gibbs Pond Road. Residents of the home have always been considered members of our parish community. Holy Cross ministers to our friends at Olsen's in a variety of ways during the year.

Mercy Haven is a provider of housing and other services for persons who are elderly, those living with mental illness, those families who are on limited income and those with special needs.

Pronto is a human service agency located in Brentwood helping people in need with food, clothing and other basic necessities. They assist approximately 500 families for the holidays each year.

Talbot House Chemical Dependency Crisis Center is a 24-hour, voluntary, chemical dependence crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide short-term, medically monitored, inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN
FOR MORE DETAILS ON
WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM.



PARISH OUTREACH

A Message from Parish Outreach

Thank you to all who have so generously donated yards of fabric for our Dress a Girl project. The response for donations and interest in this ministry have been phenomenal. The dresses created here at Holy Cross will be hand delivered to Haiti. Each girl will receive a dress made with donated fabric and made with great love. As we gather to assemble and create these dresses, we keep the Haitian people and the girls who will receive the dresses in our prayers. Thank you again for your generosity.

Dear Lord, pour out your grace and mercy on the people of Haiti. We pray that you will sustain them and give them strength for the facing of this hour. May they know your comfort. Enfold and uphold the people of Haiti—from the youngest newly born to the oldest among us—in the arms of your love and the strength of your might. We are grateful for your love and care for all of your people. Amen.



Also, thank you to all who donated to our Diaper and Formula Drive for the Life Center in Deer Park. Our drive to honor Respect Life Month was a great success, and we are grateful for your generous response!

Each month we will inform you of the number of people served by Parish Outreach. For the month of October, Parish Outreach served 33 people with 76 services provided. Your ongoing support to help those in need is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Kelley

HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

JUST SOME WORDS FROM THE WEBMASTER! A NEW PARISH WEBSITE... AND "JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT"

May I Welcome all of you today along with a statement that many parishioners & staff members have often heard me say. "A Website is a 'Living Entity'... It is never finished or completed... because it is constantly in the midst of updates, changes & growth." Having reiterated this, I hope that you enjoy using this Website as much as I have enjoyed creating it and daily enjoy updating it. With its future growth potential, this Website will excitedly offer to all of our Holy Cross Parishioners as well as our welcomed new, Prospective Parishioners, many more possibilities in the sharing of parish information with all who navigate here.

I have taken great care in creating a Website in which "getting lost" while navigating its pages should be a "thing of the past." At the bottom of each Page there is a Question which asks... "Where Would You Like To Go Now?"... making it easier to navigate through the Pages without having to always return to the Top Menu Bar. Please be sure to "scroll down" to the bottom of each page and surf it in its entirety in order to not "miss out" on any information that may be "lurking" beyond your screen's viewing area. Some Pages are lengthy and filled with an abundance of information as well as with "links to click" which will direct you elsewhere on the Website for quicker navigating. The Home Page is an example of this type of page. The Home Page is the "heart" of the Website and contains much information and "links" to other sources of information. Should you take the time to routinely navigate this page from top to bottom... it would be like "reading" the weekly Bulletin from cover to cover. Doing this will keep you updated on the "pulse" of the Parish... give you "the scoop" on all the Parish news & activities... and will provide you with the "links" to the appropriate pages for more detailed information, all the while eliminating extensive searching. (Always remember that if you had inadvertently misplaced or already discarded your Bulletin, you can find all of the same information on the Website since the Bulletin and the Website are always in "sync" with each other.) If you already know the specific location that you wish to visit on the Website, you can use the traditional Menu Bar at the top of each page or the "E-Z" Navigation Page, which I describe in the next paragraph.

The "E-Z" Navigation Page is a very useful "Find and Go-To" feature that I developed specifically for the Parish Website since all of the Website Pages on this page are sorted by Parish Usage & Departmental Categories. I strongly encourage you to try using this page... It truly makes it "E-Z" to navigate and to find your desired page and information quickly. I also encourage you to "Subscribe" with your EMail to Holy Cross on the Home Page in order for you to be able to receive important urgent announcements & information, in the form of "email blasts" (never spam) from the parish in the future. I reiterate that you will never receive any spam from the Holy Cross Website. But most importantly, this will be just another way for the parish & staff members to inform you of important and useful parish information & events more quickly and easily by "keeping you in the loop" of detailed Parish situations.

Should you have any suggestions or ideas about incorporating any other useful Parish Information into the Website, please do not hesitate contacting the Parish Office with those suggestions. If your suggestions are within the capabilities of the Website Design Software, we will consider them to be implemented in future updates & design changes. We always welcome your suggestions for a better "living" and vibrant Parish Website.

We look forward to all of the days ahead that God graces us as true "family members" in this, our community of the Parish of the Holy Cross!

Blessings to all... Hope that you enjoy your "Surfing"... & Happy Navigating!! ~~~ Vince M. Mazurek

PARISH NEWS

Special Collections

This weekend is the collection for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Please see page 14 for updates on the CMA.

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

Thank you for your support of these important collections!



Youth Ministry

Join us for our next Youth Night on Sunday, November 7th, 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.



Meetings this Week

Saturday, November 6th 3:45 - 4:45 PM
• **HOLY HOUR** Worship Area

Sunday, November 7th After 9:30 Mass
• **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Worship Area
• **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 11:30AM Fr. Joe Room
• **BAPTISMS** 1PM Worship Area
• **YOUTH NIGHT** 6-8PM Atrium

Monday, November 8th 4 - 6 PM
• **GREATER NEEDS** Atrium

Tuesday, November 9th 10 AM
• **IN STITCHES** Fr. Joe Room
• **MOMS' GROUP** 7PM Fr. Joe Room
• **LEVEL 3 ROSARIES** Worship Area

Wednesday, November 10th 11:30AM-2:30PM
• **SENIOR GROUP** Atrium
• **THE CHOSEN** 7PM Wor. Ar./Atr.

Thursday, November 11th 9 AM
• **MORNING MASS** Worship Area
(The Parish Office is closed for Veterans Day.)

Sunday, November 14th 11:30AM
• **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Fr. Joe Room
• **YOUTH NIGHT** 6-8PM Atrium

Religious Education

On Friday evening, October 29th, Religious Education hosted its first ever Halloween Party for our Kindergarten through Level 5 students. The highlight of the evening was our Trunk-or-Treat which was provided by several of our wonderful parishioners. Afterwards, the children enjoyed snacks and dancing in the Atrium. We are so very grateful to the many students and families who volunteered to help out on this festive occasion. Without all of you, the evening would not have been the success it was. Our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for a job well done! Looking forward to next year's bash!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education Office sponsored a Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Party on Friday, October 29th. Thank you to all who helped and all who participated! Below are some pictures from the fun evening!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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!

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