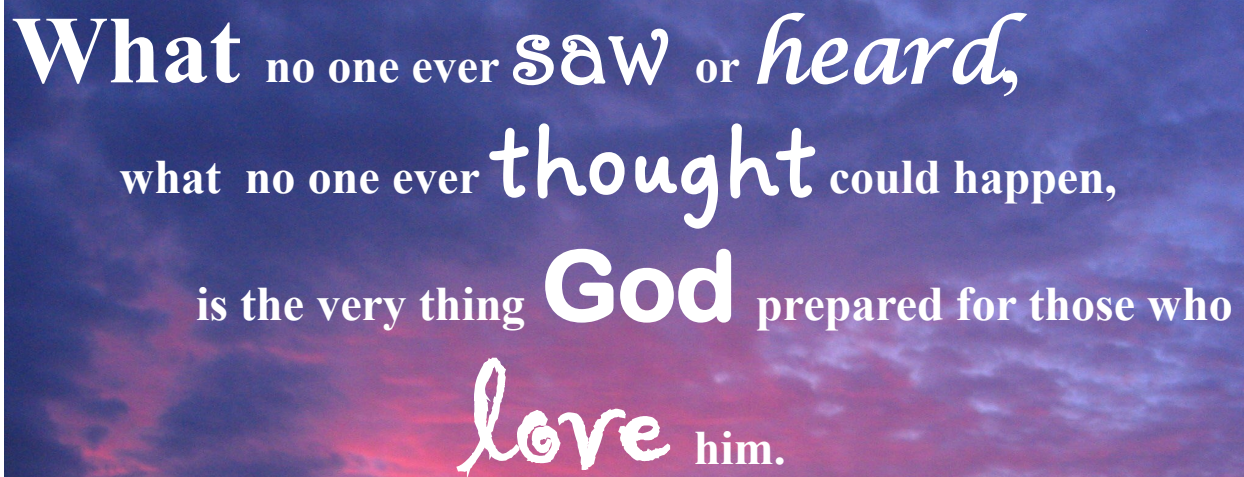


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love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 12, 2023

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:

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Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace	Cole Brennan
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari
Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Syl Evangelista
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
Linda Heinrichs	Debbie Jablinowski
Diane Jones	Maureen Jost
Kristen Kennedy	Roberta 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
Barbara Sherry	Celeste Sichenze
Kyle Sweeney	Bill Tanner
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of Sunday, Feb. 12th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Sandra Moore (living)
Tue. Maureen O'Malley (living)
Wed. James Connor
Thu. Craig Hauser (living)



Saturday, February 18th, 5PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Judy Keena, Lucy Follo, Genaro Cangiano, Isabella Smith Burton, Richard P. Canalini

Sunday, February 19th, 7th Sun. Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto, Diane Carneiro, Evelyn Kruck, Kathleen Conde, Margaret Terry
9:30 AM Lisa Abrignani
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.

SUPER SUNDAY

by Father Michael

For some folks, today is a monumental day as they prepare for tonight's 6:30 kickoff (that could be a reason why we only had two families scheduled for today's baptism ceremony). I kind of enjoy the Superbowl. I know enough about the game to understand what is happening. I like eating chicken wings, which seems to be a major component to any Superbowl party. Some of the commercials are interesting and entertaining. I usually root for the underdog, which I believe this year is the Eagles. I don't understand why, but many people seem to have disdain for this Philadelphia team. So, we will see what happens. But if I happen to forget about the game and end up watching a rerun of an old Columbo episode, I will be just as happy.

At a recent Finance Committee meeting we evaluated the savings we have. It was decided to shift some of our funds from several Money Market and Savings accounts, that pay virtually no interest, to different Money Market accounts that are now paying over 4%. It is not going to be a huge windfall of profit for the parish, but it is foolish to keep the money in a place that earns only pennies when there are alternatives available.

Remember our Winter Windfall Raffle is underway. This is a quarterly raffle with twenty-eight prizes ranging from \$25 to \$250. When we introduced this raffle after we reopened from Covid, the response was strong but it has been declining since. In the fall we gave away more money than we took in. We will evaluate at the end of this month when the drawing takes place if this is a worthwhile endeavor to maintain.

This Tuesday is Valentine's Day. Yes, there is a St. Valentine. In fact, there are three different figures with that name throughout history. The most notable Valentine was a priest and doctor from the 3rd century in Rome who was eventually martyred for his faith. The exact reason how he became the patron saint of "courtiers, love and happy marriage" is a bit mysterious. Some attribute it to the fact that some birds seem to choose their lifelong mate in mid-February. Although in secular culture St. Valentine has taken on significance, he is not considered to be one of the major saints. If you come to Mass on that day, it is actually Sts. Cyril and Methodius who are prayed for.

For those who are married, we hope it is a day for you to reflect upon the vocation the Lord has called you to. May it be a time to be renewed in your love and commitment to each other. Marriage is a sacred gift, may it always be treasured, nurtured and celebrated.

Start thinking about what your Lenten practice might be for this year. Ash Wednesday is only ten days away.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 12th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, February 13th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atr., FJ Room
• LEVEL 2 PARENT MTG.	7PM Atr., Wor. Ar.
Tuesday, February 14th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, February 15th	7 PM
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
• VBS MEETING	Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, February 16th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• THE CHOSEN	1:30PM Chapel, Atrium
• LEV. 8 PRAYER SERVICE	7PM Worship Area
Sunday, February 19th	9:30 AM
• BAPTISM GATHERING	Wor. Ar., FJ Room

Scripture Readings for February 19, 2023



- + *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*
- + *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*
- + *Matthew 5:38-48*

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 18th/19th



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

The Bread and Wine for the week February 12th-18th have been donated in loving memory of Anne, Vincent & Stephen Mattera by the Emerson family.



Special Collection

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this collection!



Banns of Marriage

Second Time

Kristen Piampiano & Vincent Cagnone

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



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

March 5th, 2023 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early

Uniforms/Sashes for scouts & leaders

Contact Kim Loh Bodor

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

LITURGY BYTES

The Mass – Part 4

The next part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist when we move to the table (altar). Let us examine the similarities of sharing a meal at home with what happens at Mass. At home we set the table, say grace and share food. At Mass these ritual actions are called Preparation of the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Rite.



In the early days, Christians would bring bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for Mass and to be shared with the clergy and poor of the community. We all know that at Mass we make donations that are collected and presented to the priest, along with the bread and wine. The bread and wine are placed on the altar. The priest mixes water with the wine and washes his hands, similar to what happened at the Last Supper (mixing water and wine and washing hands are all things Jews did at meals in Jesus' day). Finally, the priest invites us to pray that the sacrifice be acceptable to God, which we reply Amen.

The long prayer which follows is known as the Eucharistic Prayer. This prayer brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our Faith. There are many Eucharistic Prayers that can be said at this time depending on the priest's choice and the liturgical season. However, the structure of each one remains the same: 1) recall salvation history; 2) recall what Jesus left us the night before he died; and 3) petition God to continue the great deeds of Christ in the present and pray that we become one body, one spirit in Christ.

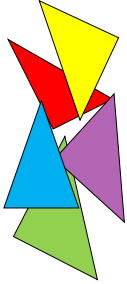
The Communion Rite follows with the recitation of the Our Father and the Sign of Peace. We are invited to come forward and receive Our Lord responding "Amen" meaning yes, I believe! After Communion, the priest unites our prayers in the Post Communion Prayer.

Lastly, we are commissioned to live the Eucharist in our world with a final blessing and dismissal. In most parishes, announcements will be made prior to this part. We leave the assembly and the church building with the hope that what happens in our lives during the week will remind us of what ritual actions we have celebrated at Mass.

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

PARISH OUTREACH

Dress a Girl Around the World



Cut-Ups: (those who cut the material and assemble our dress kits)
Our “Cut-Ups” will meet **Thursday, February 23rd, 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!

In preparation for the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of Parish Social Ministry in our diocese, we will be gathering to take a commemorative picture of those who helped build and support our Outreach at Holy Cross over the years.

If you have volunteered at any time for Outreach, please join us on Tuesday, February 14th, at 10AM in the atrium to be part of a picture. Please RSVP to Kelley at Parish Outreach to confirm your attendance. Thank you!

In the month of January, Outreach served 53 households made up of 17 children, 52 adults and 20 seniors. With your generous help, we were able to provide 158 different services. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

*St. Patrick Parish Outreach - Parent Bereavement Program
2nd Monday evening of the month at 7:00 PM
Small Meeting Room of the Parish Center*



St. Patrick Parish Outreach offers a monthly bereavement group for those who have lost an adult child. The group meets at 7 PM in the small meeting room of the Parish Center on the 2nd Monday of the month. If you have lost an adult child within the last few years and would welcome the support and comfort of others who can understand your pain, please call St. Patrick Parish Outreach at 631-265-2668 to register.

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!

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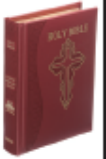
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