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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!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 13, 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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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Marietta Alvarado	Theresa Arzillo
Jo Barry	Kathy Barry
Patricia Becker	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
Bob Grieco	Charles Haner
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Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns
Danny Youngworth	

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of February 13th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Lydia Marcantonio
Tue. Barry Family Mass of Thanksgiving
Wed. Maggie McCartin (living)
Thu. Rose Ann Quintana



Saturday, February 19th, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Judy Keena, Lucy Follo, Gennaro Cangiano, James Eng, Isabella Burton Smith, Eileen Kamine, Richard P. Canalini

Sunday, Feb. 20th, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
9:30 AM Mary Conlin, Adelaye Chersevani, Dolores Small, Patrick Egan, James Connor
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.

CONFESSIONS OF AN AVIATION GEEK

by Father Michael

I think many of you know I have an interest in the travel/hospitality industry. I love to travel myself and enjoy bringing as many people as I can along for the ride. I have always loved air travel as well as bus stuff, and I spend time trying to keep tuned into the “ups and downs” of those industries. (As I am writing this article the breaking news is that Spirit Airlines is going to merge with Frontier.)

A few months ago I was delighted to hear Breeze Airways announce they are coming to MacArthur Airport. This new upstart airline was created by David Neeleman, who was the founder of Jet Blue. Initially, Breeze will be offering non-stop flights to Norfolk, Charleston and New Orleans from Islip. They have plans for great expansion over the coming years, and service to other destinations will likely increase. I looked at their plans for service and saw their inaugural flight to Charleston is February 18. This is a Friday which I try to take as my day off. With fares available for \$39, I could not resist the temptation. I have a ticket on that first flight. I will fly down, spend a half hour in the airport and get back on the same plane to come back home. I know in the minds of most people, this is crazy. But I wanted to be part of this piece of local aviation history. I would love to say that I'll write you a postcard, but there really is not going to be a lot of time for that.

This week the unofficial holiday of Valentine's Day is celebrated. This is one of those days that has a hodgepodge of a history. There is no one identifiable Catholic saint who is definitively connected to the day. There are three saints all with the name of Valentine and all of whom were martyrs. Their connection to this day of romance is sketchy at best. Some maintain that St. Valentine's Day was the Church's response to a Roman celebration of fertility called Lupercalia that took place in mid-February. If you come to Mass on that day, you do not hear any prayers that reference St. Valentine, rather it is the feast day for Saints Cyril and Methodius.

In spite of this uncertain history, it is a day when the focus turns to the gift of human love. For many it is an occasion to remind their beloved of their gratitude in being able to share the journey of life together. It can be a day to express deeper feelings that may not be shared on a regular basis. For those who are married, may it be a day to celebrate the gift of love that you share together. The focus is not limited to married love, but it can be an opportunity to express the joy of having others in your life who share with you the gift of love.

Happy Valentine's Day and up, up and away.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 13th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, February 14th	4 - 6 PM
• GREATER NEEDS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Tuesday, February 15th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Atrium
• LEV. 4 MASS WALK THRU	5PM Worship Area
• MOMS' GROUP	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, February 16th	5 PM
• LEV. 4 MASS WALK THRU	Worship Area
• BEREAVEMENT	6-8 PM Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, February 17th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium

The Bread and Wine for the week February 13-19 have been donated in loving memory of Nick Matonti by Jennifer and Charles Miller.



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 19th/20th



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

Scripture Readings for February 20, 2022

- + 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
- + 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
- + Luke 6:27-38

Help Needed!

We are looking for custodial help on Sundays from 10 AM to 1 PM. Must be 21 years or older. If interested, please contact Father Michael for salary and details at **631-265-2200 x115**.



Scripture Study Group



Are you free on Thursday mornings at 10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month? Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures?

Come join a group of women who seek the same, and give Scripture Study a try! There is no commitment and no sign up. Just come at your own convenience to the meeting or meetings of your choice. Every meeting is independent.

Our next meeting date is February 17th

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 of those questions above, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** 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.

If you have any questions or are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office. Thank you!

Our next meeting is February 27th from 6PM to 8PM in the atrium!



Special Collection

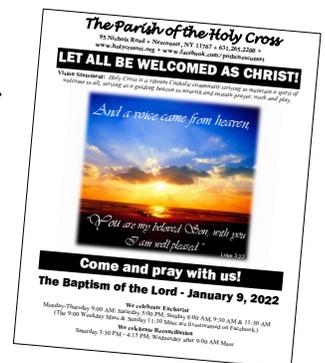
This weekend, February 13th, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Be a Bulletin Advertiser!

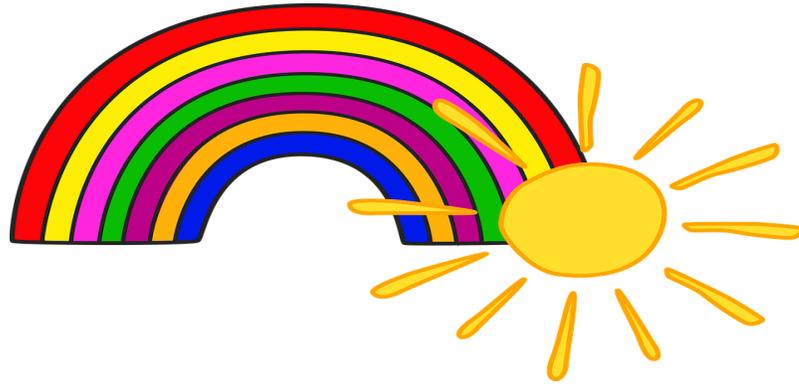
Did you know that the Holy Cross bulletin is printed for us each week free of charge? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**

If your business could use some exposure, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, well over a thousand people attend Mass at Holy Cross, most of whom live and shop in Nesconset and the surrounding areas. Also, our bulletin is on our website www.holycrossrc.org and reaches thousands of area families with information about your business.

If you are interested in advertising, or would like more information, please call The Church Bulletin Inc. at **631-249-4994**.



PARISH OUTREACH



Bereavement Support Group

Walking with grief after losing a loved one is as unique as our fingerprints! It can be as if all color in our world is gray.

Having time to listen to others dealing with grief can often give us new insights, thus allowing us to share our pathway and gain ways to move forward, putting some color back in our world!

This bereavement group is a Support Group for **anyone dealing with grief**. All are welcome.

We will meet for six Wednesdays from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** beginning **February 16** and ending **March 30** with **no meeting on March 2**, as it is Ash Wednesday. (Please note time change.)

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling Outreach at Holy Cross 631-265-2200 EXT. 113, and you will then be contacted by the Facilitator for this group.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you.”
Matt:11:28

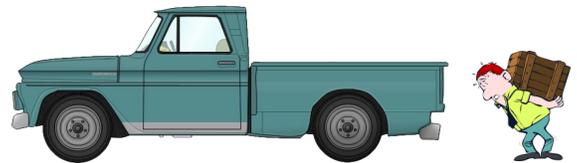
PARISH OUTREACH

Wish List

Often Outreach receives calls from generous parishioners who have gently used items they would like to donate. Last summer, we asked our Outreach families to create a "Wish List" of items they need/want. Items have ranged from televisions, bedroom furniture, to a bicycle!

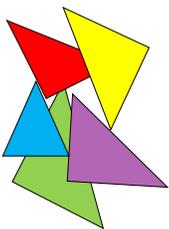
When a parishioner calls with an item ready to donate, we see if there is a want/need for the item and try to connect the two parties. With larger items, like a couch or a bed, it is not always so easy. **Assistance is needed in pickup, transport, and delivery of these items.**

Outreach is looking for a few volunteers who are available to help with our "Wish List" project. If you have a truck, SUV or van and are able to assist with pick up, transport and delivery, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For larger items, two or more volunteers will be asked to assist in moving the item.



Do you have an hour a month to help out one of our Outreach families? If you are interested, please call Kelley at 631-265-2200 ext. 113. Thank you!

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 24th, 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.



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.

In the month of December, Outreach provided 111 services to 72 people from 38 families. Thank you for your ongoing support of Outreach and the families we serve.

PARISH OUTREACH

Online Support Groups



Helping you cope with the challenges of COVID

Free, confidential & anonymous

Tuesday

Healing through Loss

7-8pm

Many have been impacted by loss due to the pandemic; gain support and connect with others as you navigate grief in all of its forms.

Thursday

Wellness Workshops

6:30-7:30pm

All things wellness; join us for yoga, nutrition, art and so much more!

2nd Saturday of Each Month

Coping through the Arts

10-11am

Get the family together to destress, strengthen your bond and have fun through creativity and the arts.

Join us on Zoom!

Call in # +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 939 2266 2794

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Scan the QR code to access our live group calendar

Call our helpline for information & support

516-510-0282

REMINDERS

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has low-gluten hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

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



HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

WEBSITE SUBSCRIPTION EMAIL NOTICES

VISITS & HITS TO THE HOLY CROSS PARISH WEBSITE HAVE NOW EXCEEDED 11,000 IN NUMBER.

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**THE PARISH WILL NOW BEGIN UTILIZING SUBSCRIBER SUBSCRIPTIONS TO INFORM LISTED PARISHIONERS OF VARIOUS IMPORTANT MATTERS RELEVANT TO PARISH LIFE & ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE PARISH WEBSITE EMAIL SYSTEM.**

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SINCE SOME OF THESE MATTERS MAY BE "IMMINENT" IN NATURE, SUCH AS WEATHER CLOSURES & IMMEDIATE CANCELLATIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE PARISH SUBSCRIPTION LIST TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN INFORMED.

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**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO... PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE HOLY CROSS PARISH SUBSCRIPTION LIST. REMEMBER... THE PARISH WILL NEVER SEND YOU ANY SPAM EMAIL.**

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"THANK YOU" TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBSCRIBED!!!

HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

JUST SOME WORDS FROM THE WEBMASTER!!! THE 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 Parish 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?"*... showing direct links to frequently viewed Webpages and thereby making it easier to navigate through the Website 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. It is comprised of Six Basic Sections: [1] General Parish Information, [2] the "Fast-Track" Section to speed you to particular areas of the Website by asking you Questions, [3] "Church News," [4] "What's Happening" in the Parish, [5] "Parish & Seasonal Upcoming Events" of the Parish & [6] "Schedules" for various Parish Ministries. 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 both 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

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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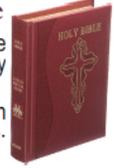
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