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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.*



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LEVITICUS 19:18

Come and pray with us!

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19, 2023
+ Ash Wednesday - February 22, 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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| Bob Alderdice | Theresa Arzillo |
| Jo Barry | Kathy Barry |
| Barbara Bombace | Cole Brennan |
| Dan Bryan | Ann Callari |
| Judy Carlson | Pattie Daly-Matonti |
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| Olivia Melia | Loretto Narducci |
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| Liam Richards | Elaine Ruane |
| Barbara Sherry | Celeste Sichenze |
| Kyle Sweeney | Bill Tanner |
| Peter Warns | Danny Youngworth |

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of Sunday, Feb. 19th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Maureen O'Malley (living)

Tue. James Sullivan (living)

Wed. Harrison Cole Frisenda

Thu. James Langenfeld



Saturday, February 25th, 5PM Mass

James Eng, Eileen Kamine, Theresa Schwarz, Ruth Schwarz, Eric Schwarz, Steven Supakoff

Sunday, February 26th, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Lillian Buckhout

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Pedro Banaguas, Guillerma Banaguas,
James Emerson, Joseph Rizzi, Richard
Oliver, Charles Armstrong

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.

FROM DESERT TO LIVING WATERS

by Father Michael

This week is Ash Wednesday which begins the great season of Lent. There is something remarkable about Lent. We normally associate it with fasting and sacrifice, which to most people are not terribly inviting practices. On Wednesday we will see some of the largest crowds all year for a day that is not even a holy day of obligation. There is something that makes sense to the soul in being signed with ashes. Entering into this season with renewed spiritual disciplines feels like the right thing to do. The call to repentance, transformation, and sacrifice makes sense to the heart. Although it may demand discipline, we know that in some way this is a path that will make us better people. These days can draw us closer to God. Use well the days of Lent to experience the Spirit at work in your life and to be more mindful of how each of us can be a more loving person.

I am happy to let you know that we will be offering a Lenten Mission this year. Mr. Jim Ryan will be here at Holy Cross from March 20-22. He will also speak at all the Masses on March 18 & 19. He has a fine reputation for giving inspiring missions across Long Island and beyond. We hope that you can make these evenings part of your Lenten journey.

The first Sunday of Lent reminds us of how Jesus himself was tempted in the desert. The desert can be a place where silence and separation foster a deeper sense of prayer. During the season of Lent we hope to reflect that spirit of the desert into our prayer. The environment in our Worship Area and atrium will be different reminding us that we are in this special season. We intend to end each Mass in silence. The priest and ministers will wait until the end of the concluding song before exiting the church. We ask that you refrain from applauding at the end of Mass during the days of Lent.

Personal discipline can be a helpful practice during these days. We want to improve ourselves and live our lives in virtuous ways. But we also need to have a wider focus than just our own lives. There is tremendous suffering in our world that has come about through earthquakes, war, hatred, and oppression. There is great value in somehow uniting ourselves with those who bear the weight of the cross. Even if just in our prayers we can remind ourselves of others who walk a difficult path, it can help keep us focused and grounded. May these days of Lent be a rich opportunity for you to know that life and hope of the Lord can emerge from what seems to be barren and desolate. May the Paschal Mystery of dying and rising lead you through this holy season.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday, February 19th | 9:30 AM |
| • BAPTISM GATHERING | Wor. Ar., FJ Room |
| Monday, February 20th | 9 AM |
| • DAILY MASS | Worship Area |
| <i>(The Parish Office is closed for Presidents' Day.)</i> | |
| Tuesday, February 21st | 7 PM |
| • K OF C DISTRICT MTG. | Atrium |
| Wednesday, February 22nd | 9 AM |
| • ASH WEDNESDAY MASS | Worship Area |
| • PRAYER SERVICES | 7AM, 12, 4 & 7PM Wor.Ar. |
| Thursday, February 23rd | 10 AM |
| • SCRIPTURE STUDY | Fr. Joe Room |
| • DRESS A GIRL | 1- 3PM Atrium |

Scripture Readings for February 26, 2023



- + Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- + Romans 5:12, 17-19
- + Matthew 4:1-11

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 25th/26th



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| 5:00 PM | Fr. Matthew |
| 8:00 AM | Fr. Matthew |
| 9:30 AM | Fr. Frank |
| 11:30 AM | Fr. Frank |

*The Bread and Wine for the week February 18th-25th have been donated in loving memory of **Richard P. Canalini** by his family.*



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, February 20th, for Presidents' Day. There is a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.



Banns of Marriage

Third Time

Kristen Piampiano & Vincent Cagnone

Easter Adult Choir

It's been a while since we've had the whole choir together, but we would like to call back former choir members as well as invite new members.

We will be singing on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil with three rehearsals prior to Easter. Join us for the rehearsals on

**Thursday, March 23, and Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4
7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Please contact Brian Reich our Music Director at 631-949-9134 if you are interested.

LITURGY BYTES



It is Here Again!

Yes, it is that time of the year again – the Lenten season. Lent officially gets started February 22nd with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday falls six and half weeks before Easter.

Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has seen earlier roots with the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance. The Bible does not explicitly mention this first day of Lent, but there are many instances of repentance in both the Old and New Testaments.

Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation, yet receiving ashes is a practice among many Christians to begin their Lenten journey. Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. We begin to prepare our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for turning our hearts to God.

The ashes come from the leftover palms from Palm Sunday which are burned from last year's palms. These ashes symbolize our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay but our souls will live on in eternal life.

As this day gets closer, may we think about making a commitment to turn things around in our lives for the better, embracing the love that our God has for each of us and truly celebrating our Faith come Easter Sunday.

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

**Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Ashes will be distributed at:
7 AM, 9 AM Mass, 12 Noon, 4 PM & 7 PM.**

Children and Ashes...

Our 4:00 service will be more "child friendly." This service will be shorter, with a homily geared to a child's understanding. This will enable the children to enter into the spirit of Lent in a manner appropriate for their age.

Fast and Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

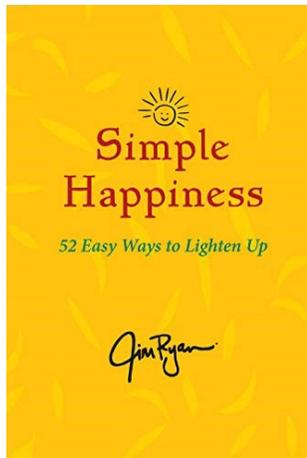
PARISH MISSION

Join us for our Parish Mission

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 20, 21 & 22 at 7 PM**



With Motivational Speaker
Jim Ryan



Jim Ryan is the author of the book, ***Simple Happiness: 52 Easy Ways to Lighten Up***. Thousands of people all over the United States have been inspired and motivated to change and live more joyful and fulfilled lives.

Topics for the Evenings

Monday, March 20

Simple Happiness - Eight Characteristics of Happy People

Tuesday, March 21

Managing Thought, the Key to Experiencing God's Love

Wednesday, March 22

Start to Live Heaven on Earth

Treat yourself to three hours of graced listening and spiritual refreshment. Allow the gifts of God to pour over you as you open your heart to God's love for you!

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in this week of reflection and prayer.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday, March 31, 2023: 7:30 PM (LS)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Wednesdays in Lent: after 9:00 AM Mass

Saturdays in Lent: 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Monday, April 3: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Good Friday, April 7: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Holy Saturday, April 8: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023

Saturday 4/1/23: 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023

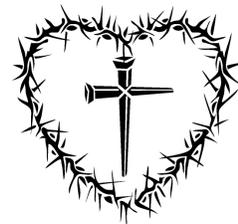
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM (LS)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023

Children's Service - 12:00 Noon (LS)

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM (LS)



HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

**NO AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 PM MASS
ON HOLY SATURDAY**



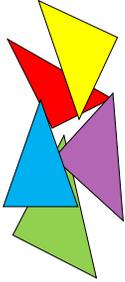
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

(LS) = Also Live Streamed

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!

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



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.

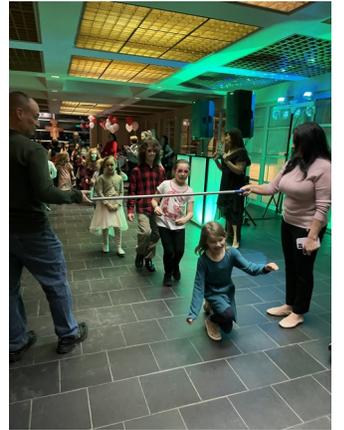
Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & Stand



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Below are pictures from our Sweetheart Dance for Levels 1-5 on February 10th!



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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