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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!

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 20, 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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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
Debbie Jablinowski	Diane Jones
Paul Kruk	Roberta Lamb
Gerald Losquadro	Charlotte Lynch
Amanda Maddox	Viola Malek
Michael Maroney	Joseph McManus
Olivia Melia	Freddie Meyers
David Reichbach	Liam Richards
Elaine Ruane	Joseph Santamaria
Barbara Sherry	Kyle Sweeney
Chase Turano	Judy Viskupic
Peter Warns	Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of February 20th, 9AM Mass

Tue. Roberto Fini (living)

Wed. Maureen O'Malley (living)

Thu. Danielle Kirrane

Saturday, February 26th, 5 PM Mass

Dylan Robert Young, Helen Muchewicz, Edward Kroczyński, Henrietta Renken

Sunday, Feb. 27th, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Brianna Landisi

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Robert Langone, Pedro Banaguas,
Guillerma Banaguas, Vincenzo Baratta,
Steven Debus, JoAnn Valenti



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.

WINTER VACATION TIME

by Father Michael

For most of those involved in education, the upcoming week is usually a vacation time. For those who have a break, I hope your time is relaxing and renewing. I plan on taking a few days off myself this week. As I write this article, I have not been able to find coverage for the Mass on Monday (Presidents' Day). We will announce at Mass on the weekend whether or not there will be Mass on Monday morning.

On February 8th we had a very good gathering of parishioners as part of the on-going process in renewing the sanctuary of our Worship Area. Much of the evening was devoted to looking at some of the many Church documents and guidelines that address celebration of the Eucharist as well as the design of churches. The delicate balance that needs to be achieved is between reserving the Blessed Sacrament in a way that is both conspicuous and reverent, while not allowing it to compete with or distract from the celebration of the Eucharist.

We have not reached a final consensus as to where the tabernacle will be located. There is one possibility that I have taken off the table. Placing it directly behind the altar and behind where the priest stands is not the best location. I came to this conclusion for a few reasons. Having both the altar and tabernacle in such close proximity to each other runs the risk of drawing attention away from the Eucharistic celebration. I would find it difficult celebrating the Eucharist with the Blessed Sacrament being only a few feet behind me. There are many churches in which the tabernacle is given that central location. In many instances the building was architecturally constructed with that as the intent. Many of these churches have a "high altar" or a baldacchino with the tabernacle as the centerpiece. Holy Cross was not designed that way.

We will continue to look at this issue as we move into the spring. My hope is that the project will take place shortly after Easter. Thank you to all those who participated in the meeting; it was both upbeat and fruitful. Thank you to all those who have shared their thoughts with me on the topic. Yes, I am still open to hear your ideas.

You may have heard about a Synod that the Holy Father has called all Catholics to share in. It is a process in which people can express their thoughts on life in the Church. There is a three-prong focus to the Synod: Communion with one another, Participation in the Church, and Mission. More information will be forthcoming shortly regarding when we will gather as a parish to discuss these issues.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 21st
(The Parish Office is closed for Presidents' Day.)

Tuesday, February 22nd **10 AM**
• IN STITCHES Atrium

Wednesday, February 23rd **11:30 AM-2:30 PM**
• SENIORS Atrium
• BEREAVEMENT **6-8 PM** Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, February 24th **1 - 3 PM**
• DRESS A GIRL Atrium
• LITURGY TEAM **7PM** Fr. Joe Room

Sunday, February 27th **After 9:30 Mass**
• BAPTISM GATHERING Fr. Joe Room
• YOUTH NIGHT **6-8PM** Atrium

*The Bread and Wine
for the week February 20-26
have been donated
in loving memory of
Anne, Vincent & Stephen
Mattera by the Emerson family.*



Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 26th/27th



5:00 PM Fr. Frank
8:00 AM Fr. Frank
9:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe
11:30 AM Fr. Michael/Dcn. Joe

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 Readings for February 27, 2022



+ *Sirach 27:4-7*
+ *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*
+ *Luke 6:39-45*

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, February 21, for Presidents' Day.



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

LITURGY BYTES

Our Lady of Lourdes



Friday, February 11th, is the day that marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to a 14-year-old girl, Marie Bernade, known to us as St. Bernadette. Between February 11th and July 16th of that year, the Blessed Mother appeared eighteen times and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. It was on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) that she referred to herself as the “Immaculate Conception.”

There have been many miracles performed through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes that prompted the Church to institute a special feast in her honor. At the first apparition, Mary invited Bernadette to say the rosary with her which was repeated at several apparitions. On another occasion, the Blessed Mother asked Bernadette to speak with Church officials about her and ask them to build a church on the spot where she appeared and organize processions there. Bernadette was also told to drink and wash at the spring which was still hidden under the sand. What tremendous faith was exhibited by a 14-year-old girl.

The report of cures at the grotto spread quickly, and the more the news spread, the greater the number of Christians who visited this special place. Finally, four years later, the Bishop declared the apparitions to be supernatural and permitted the public veneration of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto. Soon after, a chapel was erected there and since then, numerous pilgrims come from all over the world to a special place of grace and healing.

Let us remember the humble words Bernadette addressed to Our Lady: “*Yes, gentle Mother, you lowered yourself, you came down to earth to appear to a helpless little girl. You, the Queen of Heaven and earth, designed to make use of what was most humble for the world.*” Those words are from a journal of St. Bernadette written in 1866. Let us continue to embrace the wonderful examples of faith shown by so many of our beloved saints.

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

**Holy Cross Travel Club
presents**

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&

THE CLOISTERS

Thursday, May 12th, 2022



Join us for an exciting day in NYC starting at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Construction began on this Medieval cathedral in 1892 and continues into the future. We'll dine at Sylvia's, a famous restaurant in the historic village of Harlem. From there we will travel to the Cloisters where we'll spend the remainder of our day.

To sign up, please complete and return the registration form along with your check made payable to Hampton Jitney in the amount of \$155 per person. (At this time we cannot accept credit card payments.)

The itinerary is listed below:

- 8:15 AM Coach arrives at Parish of the Holy Cross
- 8:30 AM Depart from Parish of the Holy Cross
- 9:45 AM Arrive at St. John the Divine
- 10:30 AM 1 hour guided tour
- 11:45 AM Departure from St. John the Divine
- 12:00 noon Lunch at Sylvia's
- 1:30 PM Depart from Sylvia's
- 2:00 PM Arrive at the Cloisters
- 4:30 PM Departure from the Cloisters
- 6:00 PM Approximate arrival at Parish of the Holy Cross



**ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
&
THE CLOISTERS**

May 12th, 2022



Married Couples need only to complete one form.

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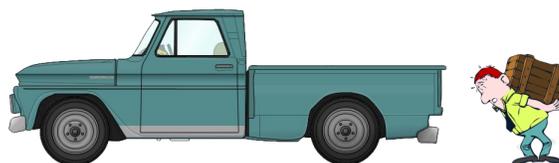
PARISH OUTREACH

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!

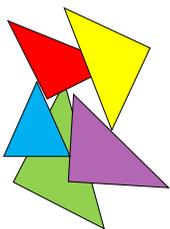
When a parishioner calls with an item ready to donate, we see if there is a want/need for the item and try to connect the two parties. With larger items, like a couch or a bed, it is not always so easy. **Assistance is needed in pickup, transport, and delivery of these items.**

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.

PARISH OUTREACH

Free health screenings



Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

Parish of the Holy Cross
95 Nichols Rd. Nesconset, NY
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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ANNUAL TELETHON

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense **Telethon** tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 26th, from 2 – 10 PM** and continue through **Sunday, February 27th, from 12 – 10 PM.**



Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement, and consider pledging! There is no help too small or none too large, every bit does count tremendously. The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have!



CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.

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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!!!

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!

Winter Windfall

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