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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!

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5, 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

# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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## Remembering Our Sick

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

Bob Alderdice	Theresa Arzillo
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
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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. 5th, 9AM Masses

**Mon.** Concetta Brady  
**Tue.** Diane Juliano  
**Wed.** Michael Murphy (living)  
**Thu.** Dr. Anthony Casino (living)



### Saturday, February 11th, 5PM Mass

Charlotte Wangenstein, Debra Yarincik, Josephine Avolio, Vinny Khandpur, Grace Clementi

### Sunday, February 12th, 6th Sun. Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Mike Rizzo  
**9:30 AM** Linda Hall, William Werner, Carmen Vasquez Sanchez, Jim Emerson, Kathleen Conde Matonti  
**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.

# BRRRRR!

*by Father Michael*

As I write this column, I am looking at the bone chilling forecast for Saturday morning of 2 degrees. But we really can't complain. It has been a relatively mild winter so far, which is helpful in light of record setting oil prices. The parish budget is happy in that we have not yet had to spend anything for plowing or sanding the parking lot. The Northeast has been spared some of the extreme weather conditions that other corners of the country have experienced.

As I write this column, I am also packing to make an express, 2-day trip down to visit my sister, brother-in-law, and grandniece in Tampa, Florida. I depart tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon and return early Saturday morning. I will be there a few weeks prior to her second birthday. The last time I was there she was just starting to speak. The best she could do in pronouncing Uncle Michael was "Muck." We will see if that has improved any. I will come bearing what I am told are her two favorite things at the moment, coloring books and stickers. I kind of know something about *Frozen*. But who the heck are Moana and Encanto? I don't know how parents keep up with the new trends in what is popular with their kids. This will be an educational experience for all.

We are investigating and researching some of the repairs and improvements that are needed for our facilities. The two most significant projects are replacing the two large HVAC units that heat and cool the worship area. They are twenty-eight years old and are coming to the end of their life. You may have noticed that the colonnade the surrounds the courtyard is starting to deteriorate. The columns are made of the same material which covers the outer wall of the building. There are places where the walls are cracking, resulting in interior leaks. These repairs will not be quick or cheap. The colonnade is more aesthetic, but the walls of the building are more crucial and need to be addressed promptly.

I was hoping to be able to offer a 3-day/2-night trip to Pennsylvania in May which included seeing a performance of Moses at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster and visiting the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville. Unfortunately, the cost came in at a price I am not comfortable in offering. \$825 for a short trip like this is steep in my book. I'm going back to the drawing board in hopes of finding a more economical way of offering the trip. It's getting harder and harder to offer group travel at prices that offer a good value.

By the time this is read we will know whether or not the groundhog saw his shadow. Even though we have not had much of a winter, I would welcome an early spring. Keep warm!

# MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

## *The Great Male Archetypes – Part 2* Monday, February 6

*The King: The one with the great vision and holds it all together.*

**The Warrior: The one who defends the boundaries.**

*The Lover: The one who finds sweetness and joy in life.*

The Magician: The one who looks deeper to keep things in balance.

General Meeting begins at 7:00PM.

For those who missed the meeting on January 30, please arrive by 6:40.

The next meeting after this week will be Monday, March 6.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered this weekend after the 9:30 Mass.

### Special Collection

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

# PARISH NEWS

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Saturday, February 4th</b>	3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, February 5th</b>	9:30 Mass
• BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	Worship Area
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK 10:30AM	Worship Area
<b>Monday, February 6th</b>	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS	Atr., FJ Room
• MEN'S PRAYER GROUP 7PM	Chapel
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Tuesday, February 7th</b>	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 4 WALK THRU 4:30PM	Worship Area
• RCIA 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Wednesday, February 8th</b>	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• LITURGY MEETING 2PM	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 4 WALK THRU 4:30PM	Worship Area
• THE CHOSEN 7PM	Chapel, Atrium
<b>Thursday, February 9th</b>	1:30 PM
• THE CHOSEN	Chapel, Atrium
• HOMEBOUND EM MTG. 7PM	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Friday, February 10th</b>	7 - 9 PM
• SWEETHEART DANCE	Atrium
<b>Sunday, February 12th</b>	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

## *Scripture Readings for February 12, 2023*



- + *Sirach 15:15-20*
- + *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*
- + *Matthew 5:17-37*

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, February 11th/12th



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



*Holy Cross Welcomes  
These Children  
Baptized in January*

**Logan Kaan Cabalar  
Jace Michael Carey  
Sophie Olivia Deyro  
Jack Louis Fava  
Emme Rose Markowitz  
Luke Vincent Stella  
Rowan Gregory Wirth  
Aurora Jade Wood**

## Pray for Our Military



Sgt David Basler  
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
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

May God bless the men and women who serve in our nation. Pray for Peace!

## Banns of Marriage



### First Time

Kristen Piampiano & Vincent Cagnone



We remember and pray for the following Holy Cross parishioners who passed away recently:

*James C. Emerson  
Michael E. James  
Michael F. Keane Sr.  
John Patrick Longobardi  
Deborah Parente  
Dolores Ryan*

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

# LITURGY BYTES

## The Mass – Part 3

So this week we will focus on the “storytelling” part of the Mass, technically referred to as the Liturgy of the Word. On a practical level, all of us when gathering for a meal at a friend’s home begin with conversation, telling what has been happening in our lives or even recalling something from the past. At Mass, after the gathering piece, we sit down and listen as readings from Scripture are proclaimed. These are stories of God’s people.

The stories all come from Sacred Scripture. Usually, the first reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures (except during the Easter season). There is a connection between this reading and the Gospel: it gives background and insight into the meaning of what Jesus will do in the Gospel. Next, we sing or recite a psalm which comes from the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures). We then have a second reading from the New Testament (Christian Scriptures). It is usually one of St. Paul’s letters or another apostolic writing. The Gospel is the third reading, naturally coming from one of the four gospels we find in the New Testament. We stand for this reading because of the unique presence of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel as we believe that Christ is present in his word.

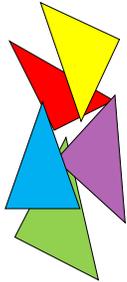
Catholics are not famous for our Bible reading, and yet the Mass has always been basically and fundamentally biblical. Even some Catholics might be surprised to learn how much of the Mass is taken from the Bible: not only the three readings and the psalm, not only the obviously biblical prayers such as the Holy, Holy, Holy and the Lord’s Prayer, but most of the words and phrases of the prayers of the Mass.

Following the readings, the homily takes place not as a sermon or talk. The homily takes the word and brings it to our life situation today. We then stand and recite the Creed, which is a summary of our beliefs. The Liturgy of the Word comes to a conclusion with the Universal Prayer (formerly known as the Prayer of the Faithful). We pray for the Church, world nations and their leaders, people in need and our local needs. Next on tap we will focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist – our meal sharing.

Have a blessed, safe 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!

# GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



## Girl Scout Sunday

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

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early

Uniforms/Sashes for scouts & leaders

Contact Kim Loh Bodor

[Akjl23@optonline.net](mailto: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**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

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The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue  
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of St. James, Seaford  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

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**Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

**Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023**

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)





# **COFFEE with JESUS**

## **Lenten Series via Zoom**

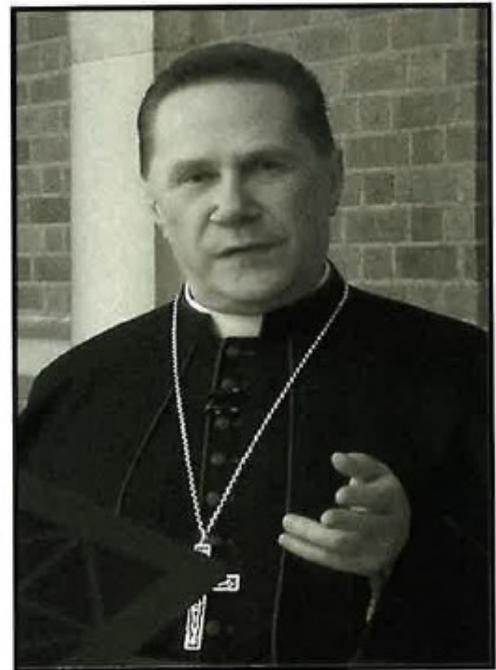
### **Join Bishop Andrzej**

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

**February 24, March 10 and March 24**

Online Lenten reflections  
on Scripture Readings,  
with the special emphasis  
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and  
heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM information prior to each session  
of this Lenten series.

# 2023

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# 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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