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TRANSFIGURATION

of the Lord



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2nd Sunday of Lent - March 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

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:

Theresa Arzillo
Kathy Barry
Barbara Bombace
Manuela Diaz
Jim Emerson
Sienna Fricke
Charles Haner
Linda Jerome
Maureen Jost
Roberta Lamb
Charlotte Lynch
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Joseph McManus
Freddie Meyers
Liam Richards
Joseph Santamaria
Kyle Sweeney
Judy Viskupic
Danny Youngworth

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of March 13, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Dorothy Direnzo Imundi (living)

Tue. Alfonso Paradinas (living)

Wed. Elmer "Al" Hornberger

Thu. Henrietta Renken

Saturday, March 19th, 5 PM Mass

Victor Chersevani, Carolyn Brophy, Msgr. Patrick J. Barry, Nancy Rosella, Frank Giambanco

Sunday, March 20th, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Rose Gatto, Julia Bazik, Lorraine Olsen,
Rosemary Thomas, Odile Turci

11:30 AM Anthony DeVito Jr.



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.

WHEN LIFE BECOMES SOBERING

by Father Michael

These are hard days. We sit in disbelief as we watch the horrific and heartbreaking developments in the Ukraine. There is so much suffering, hardship and injustice. How can a civilized people find ourselves facing such tragedies? Everyone from the youngest of children to the elderly find themselves caught up in something that never should have touched their lives. There is no simple answer. The complexity of politics leaves us feeling helpless and uncertain. We pray for the Spirit to bring wisdom to the hearts of those who are leaders.

I think all of us are dumbfounded as to how the cost of living has skyrocketed in the last two weeks. For many people this is a genuine concern. If the family budget was already tight, dramatic increases in energy and food costs can make life feel scary and filled with uncertainty. There are many who will be feeling financial insecurity as they never experienced before. In addition to these global and national issues, there are some who also carry more personal burdens. Illness, struggles within relationships, and family strife add to the anxiety and challenges of life.

All of this comes as we finally seem to be putting the worst of the pandemic behind us. That is good news. But I think there are many who don't fully realize all the emotional stuff that we are carrying and the healing that needs to take place. We are entering a new wave of difficult times before we fully resolved the last wave that we faced. It's hard to find a point of reference that grounds us and keeps us in balance.

Throughout human history there have always been difficult times. It is one thing to read about them in a history book, but it is another when it becomes part of our daily life. On some level many of us ask, "Didn't we learn lessons from the past to avoid having to deal with these types of things?" But for the moment, these are the issues that are before us. These are not problems just for someone else to resolve, but in some way each of us is called to work our way through them with courage and focus.

While all this is difficult to grapple with, I am not trying to paint a picture of gloom and despair. I do believe there is a rich opportunity for all of us to enter into the Paschal Mystery (the suffering and rising of Christ) in a way that would not happen if everything was fine. We are called to understand Jesus' experience of being in the desert with our own journey. We need to allow the promise of the Risen Lord to bring us life even though it may feel that there is not much reason to be hopeful. We pray that we embrace the Lord at our side bringing strength, courage and hope as we move forward.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 12th	11 AM & 1 PM
• 1ST RECONCILIATION	Wor. Ar., Atr.
Sunday, March 13th	6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH NIGHT	Atrium
Monday, March 14th	4 - 6 PM
• GREATER NEEDS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Tuesday, March 15th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Atrium
• MOMS' GROUP	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, March 16th	4:30 PM
• GARDEN MEETING	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 1 CHURCH TOUR	7 PM All Areas
Thursday, March 17th	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Atrium
Friday, March 18th	7 - 9:30 PM
• PRE-CANA SESSION	Atrium
Saturday, March 19th	9 AM - 5 PM
• PRE-CANA SESSION	Atr., Wor. Ar.

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



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



Banns of Marriage *Second Time*

Andrea Farina & Daniel D'Orazio

Scripture Readings for March 20, 2022

+ Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
 + 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 + Luke 13:1-9

Special Collection

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

Religious Education

Congratulations to our Level 2 students who made their Reconciliation this week!

Congratulations!



Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures? Come join the Scripture Study Group on Thursdays during Lent at 10am in the atrium!

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, and you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group!** If you 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 March 13th from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!**

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



On **Friday, March 25th, at 6 PM** we will, once again, be sponsoring a *SOUP SUPPER*. It has been more than two years since we were able to enjoy some delicious homemade soups made by various parishioners. The Soup Supper provides a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community to share a simple meal and to reflect on those who are in need.

We also will have a guest speaker, Mr. Rob Cammarata, joining us from St. Brigid's in Westbury to offer some reflections for this Lenten season.

If you wish to attend, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office by Monday, March 21st.

YES, I WISH TO ATTEND THE SOUP SUPPER ON MARCH 25TH

Name _____

attending: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____



Holy Cross Travel Club
presents
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
&
THE CLOISTERS



New Date! ~ 2nd bus!!
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Due to the large response, we are considering adding a 2nd bus. 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.)

- After leaving Holy Cross, our day starts 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.

The approximate itinerary is listed below:

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



Married Couples need only to complete one form.

DATE: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

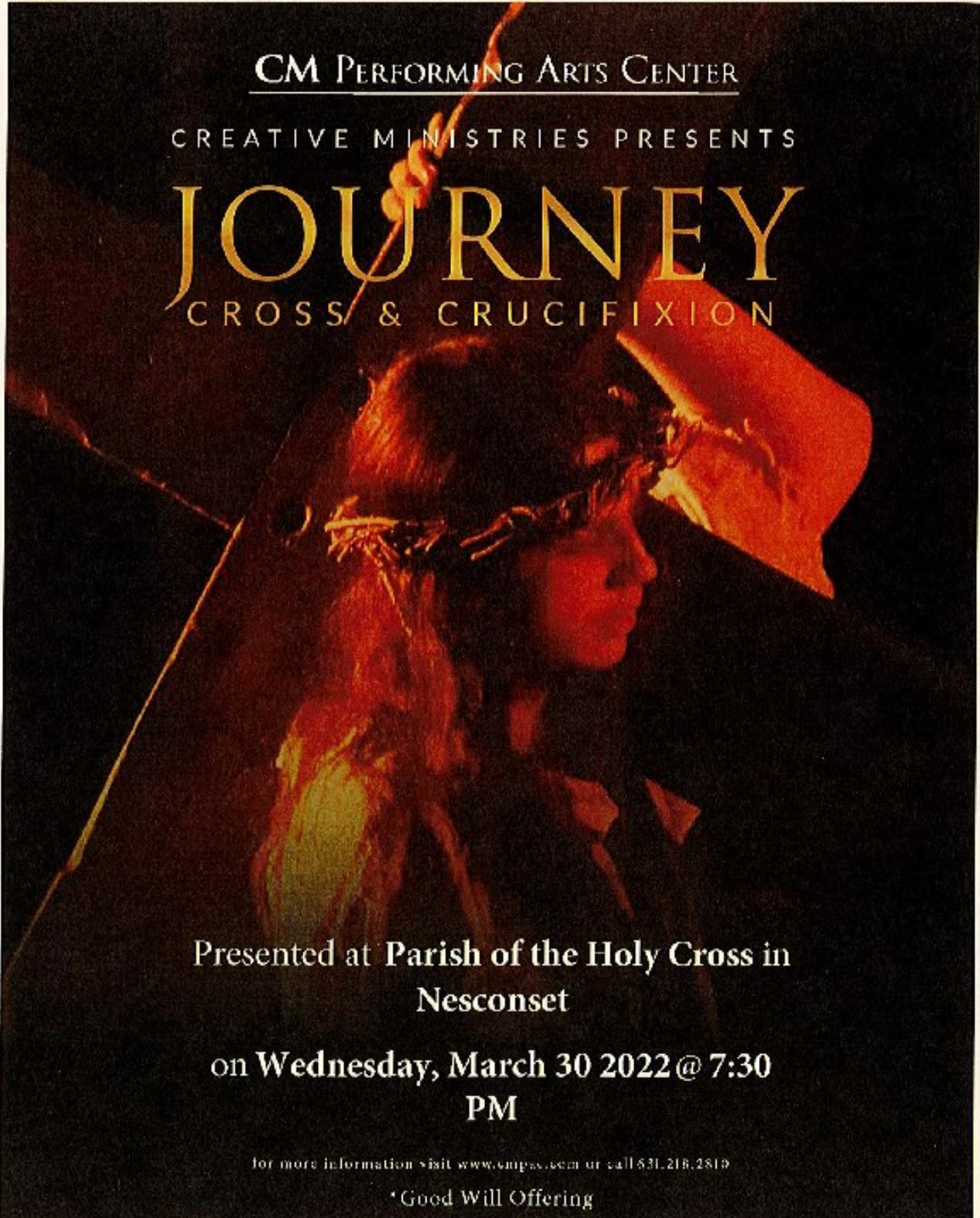
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PARISH OUTREACH

Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat

Lent offers us a unique period of time to evaluate our life journey as a follower of Christ. We are encouraged to assess if this journey has led us to an improved understanding and deepening of our relationship with our Lord, with our neighbors, and with our brothers and sisters of the world community.



For the last 31 years, we at Holy Cross have embraced our Lenten Project **Eat Simply So Others May Simply Eat** as a way to raise our consciousness to the significant needs of our struggling friends. We willingly sacrifice larger or better meals for simpler meals during Lent. Our joint effort to **EAT MORE SIMPLY SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT** unites us in a special way with one another and also with those who are struggling on Long Island.

We encourage you not only to participate in this program, but also to discuss it at the dinner table with your children and family members. Many of us are not consciously aware of the number of people that are struggling and hungry right here in our own area. **During 2021, our Outreach pantry served an average of 65 people each month.**

The Lenten envelopes marked, **EAT SIMPLY...SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT**, will be available throughout the weekends of Lent. We suggest that you place the envelope in a prominent place in your kitchen as a reminder of how you and your family will be uniting yourselves with our struggling neighbors and with the starving of the world. *We encourage you to reflect, discuss and to decide how you will eat more basic meals during Lent.* Perhaps you have a favorite simple recipe to share. We'd be happy to put it in the bulletin for fellow parishioners to try.

Each weekend, or whenever you choose during Lent, you may place your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the Altar or in the collection basket. The monies donated will be used to help those who come to Parish Outreach for assistance. We are continually grateful for the very generous response of our parishioners of Holy Cross in donating money, food and supermarket gift cards, which enables us to meet their needs.

PARISH OUTREACH

How Can I Help with Emergency Relief for Ukraine?

Catholic Relief Services has supported Caritas Ukraine in its emergency efforts, since the conflict began in 2014, by providing shelter, food and livelihood support for individuals and families displaced and affected by crisis. As the situation worsens, CRS is helping Caritas Ukraine respond to the challenges.



Initial urgent efforts and plans to support displaced families include the following:

- Field kitchens to provide food
- Reception services at Caritas offices, train stations and other locations for displaced families in transit. These will provide information, referrals, food, water, hygiene items and psychosocial support.
- Transportation for displaced families
- Evacuation centers providing shelter and support for displaced families
- Evacuating vulnerable children from centers in conflict areas to centers in safe zones

Donate online: support.crs.org/Ukraine

Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services,
P.O.Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland, 21297-303

PARISH OUTREACH



*Cooking out of the Pantry
with
Jackie Vecchiairelli*

Our Outreach Pantry is filled with shelf stable, healthy foods that we share with those we serve.

Join us as we explore new and exciting ways to create new dishes using items directly from our Pantry.

Jackie is a Registered Dietitian who will lead us in an inventive and interactive cooking demonstration. After the demonstration, the new recipe will be served.

When: 3 PM on April 3, 2022

Where: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

You must RSVP to attend. Please call Kelley in Outreach at 631-265-2200 by March 27th

We cannot guarantee a reservation after 3/27

PARISH OUTREACH

Thank You!

A special thank you to **Jillian Conter** of Girl Scout Troop 526 for her generous donation of Girl Scout cookies to our Outreach pantry. We are grateful to Jillian for thinking of our pantry and those we serve. Thank you, Jillian!



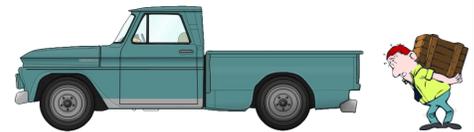
Wish List

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!

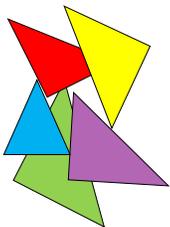
When a parishioner calls with an item ready to donate, we see if there is a want/need for the item and try to connect the two parties. With larger items, like a couch or a bed, it is not always so easy. **Assistance is needed in pickup, transport, and delivery of these items.**

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, March 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. All are welcome. Thank you to all who donated fabric for this ministry! We could not do this without your generosity!



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 in each kit including instructions. Any questions—we are just a phone call away! Thank you!

PARISH OUTREACH

Long Island Cares Food Drive 2022

- 1 in 4 adults on Long Island faces food insecurity.
- 41% of food insecure people in Suffolk County are not eligible for nutrition assistance programs.
- From 2019 to 2021, there has been a 63 percent increase in the number of visits to food pantries and other food assistance organizations on Long Island, as a result of COVID-19.
- Over 80,000 children on Long Island face food insecurity.
- Approximately 300,000 people on Long Island receive emergency food each year – that is approximately 66,000 people every week.

The elderly make up 4 percent of Long Island's hungry. Seniors are among the hungry for many reasons, including not having enough income to afford nutritious food, suffering from depression and loneliness, or experiencing the side effects from multiple medications which can decrease the desire to eat. Many are too proud to request help.

As we have done for the last few years during Lent and as part of our Baptismal call to live out the Beatitudes, our parish will sponsor a food drive on behalf of Long Island Cares.

Long Island Cares is an organization that collects and delivers food to more than 600 community-based agencies in Nassau and Suffolk. In a typical year, it distributes over 7 million pounds of food.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to Mass on the weekend of March 26th/27th, and place them in the large boxes in the atrium (please no glass).

We thank you for being a community that consistently stocks our own food pantry, reaches out to our surrounding communities, and finds ways to assist our global family (through Heifer International).



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Monday, April 25

Participation

Wednesday, May 18

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Synod Preparatory Document



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Spring Cash Fling

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 present the "Spring Cash Fling." This is a similar idea, however it is offered on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held June 1.

Because we anticipate smaller participation, there is 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!

Spring Cash Fling

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