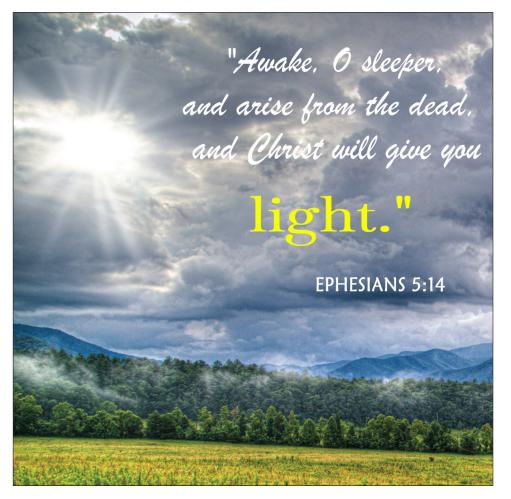
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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

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!

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19, 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 Bambaaa	Cole Brennan		
Dan Bryan	Ann Callari		
Judy Carlson	Pattie Daly-Matonti		
Jason DeLuca	Manuela Ďiaz		
Ann Egan	Syl Evangelista		
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke		
🐁 Linda Heinrichs	Debbie Jablinowski		
Kristen Kennedy	Roberta Lamb		
Dora Libretti	Gerald Losquadro		
Charlotte Lynch	Viola Malek		
Erin & baby Malley	Jeanne Marie Malley		
Olivia Melia	Loretto Narducci		
Cornelia Polik	Mary Polik-Gunther		
Carina Ranieri	Liam Richards		
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Celeste Sichenze	Kyle Sweeney		
Bill Tanner	Peter Warns		
Danny Youngworth			
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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of Sunday, March 19th, 9AM Masses

Mon. Anthony DeVito Jr.
Tue. Patricia Becker
Wed. Dogruer family (living)
Thu. Phil DeNobrega

Saturday, March 25th, 5PM Mass

Josephine O'Shea, Gena Ryan, Marie Eagers, Maureen Jost, Rose Guardino

Sunday, March 26th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Rose Gatto, Gloria Posimato, Vito Ligabo, Frank Perrino, Alec Ross
11:30 AM 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.

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MOVE DEEPER

by Father Michael

I went to St. Pius X High School in Uniondale. At the time, it was the preparatory high school for the Diocese. During our freshmen year, we went on a weekend retreat to the Passionist Retreat House on Shelter Island. On the first night of the retreat, we went into the chapel. It was an old barn-like structure. At one point during the prayer we were lying on the floor looking up at big old rafters and beams lit only by candlelight. As part of the prayer, the priest played the theme from *Mahogany*, "Do You Know Where You're Going To." When you are fourteen years old and your heart is filled with wonder and excitement for life, that song is like pulling the cork on a bottle. It was the first time I remember having a deep experience of prayer. God was abundantly present, and he was inviting me to share in something deep and rich. I will never forget that moment.

I deliberately try placing myself in situations where moments like this might once again happen. I try to be faithful to my prayer life. I enjoy taking time to make an annual retreat. Even things like the Religious Ed Congress that I attended a few weeks ago with some of the Pastoral Team members become moments of grace. Gifts like this are great blessings to my personal prayer life. But it can't be just how God is blessing me. These times are reminders that part of my calling as a priest and pastor is to offer opportunities like that to the members of this community. Encountering God does not require flying across the country. Our Worship Area is our sacred space. How can I help foster God's Spirit when we gather together here? Certainly, the Liturgy of the Eucharist itself is a gift beyond measure. But there are times when we can help create a different space and time where God speaks in new and life-giving ways.

This year we are offering a Lenten Mission with an outside speaker, Mr. Jim Ryan, which takes place this week. Three evenings of prayer and reflection will be presented. "Simple Happiness," "Managing Thought," and "Live Heaven on Earth" are our themes for the three talks. I can't guarantee that these evenings will change your life. But if you avail yourself to the opportunity, God will say something to you.

Remember the old Brylcreem slogan, "A little dab'll do ya"? Sometimes it is the same with prayer. One instance of God touching our heart in a gentle and simple way can sometimes change our perspective and renew our energy. I invite you to try to make these evenings part of your Lenten journey. Pray that it will be a time of grace and blessing for our community. As we seek the Living Waters of love, may these days lead us to banks of the water where God will touch our hearts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wor. Ar., FJ Rm.

11:30AM-2:30PM

Weekly Calendar 9:30 AM

Sunday, March 19th • **BAPTISM GATHERING**

Monday, March 20th		4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS		Atr., FJ Room
• PARISH MISSION	7PM	Worship Area
Tuesday, March 21st		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• PARISH MISSION	7PM	Worship Area
• MOMS' GROUP		Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, March 22nd		11:30AM-2:30I
• SENIORS		Atrium
• PARISH MISSION	7PM	Worship Area
Thursday, March 23rd		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• CHOIR PRACTICE	7PM	Worship Area
Saturday, March 25th		5 PM Mass
• LI CARES FOOD DRIVE		Atrium
• K OF C MAGNET SALE		Atrium

Sunday, March 26th All Masses • LI CARES FOOD DRIVE Atrium • K OF C MAGNET SALE Atrium

• ANOINTING OF THE SICK 10:30 AM Worship Area • **BAPTISMS 1PM** Worship Area

Save the Date!

Volunteer **Appreciation Party** Sunday, May 21, 3-6 PM



Scripture Readings for March 26, 2023



- + Ezekiel 37:12-14 + Romans 8:8-11
- + John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

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



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

The Bread and Wine for the week March 19-25 have been donated in loving memory of Jim Emerson by his family.



Attention Prayer Blanket Ministers!

Our supply of Prayer Blankets is running low. Please help us re-stock so we'll have enough for all in need. Thank you!

Women's Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group has not met since before the pandemic, and we would like to resume this ministry. The format is simple: women from the parish meet for 1 hour and pray with Scripture, with time for quiet reflection and sharing. No experience is required, just a desire for some time with God. If interested, please check your availability on the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by Easter Sunday, April 9. Questions, call Jude at ext. 116.

Name:	Phone:		Women's Prayer	
I could meet on:Saturday, 10:00AM	Wednesday, 10:00AM	Thursday, 7:00PM	RE	

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.



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RECONCILIATION – Part 3

One of the comments that many of us have probably heard regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance/Confession is, "I can just tell God my sins, and I know he forgives me." Sound familiar? This sacrament is not an invention of the Church! Rather, it is Christ's gift to the Church to ensure that the forgiveness He so generously extends is available to every member of the Church.

In the sacrament, we come before the merciful judgment of God and approach the Lord in sorrow, admitting where we have failed. It is in the person of Christ that the priest hears our confession. We realize that what is spoken in the confessional is in complete confidentiality. Canon law refers to this confidentiality as the *seal of confession*.

Many wonder how often they should go to confession. It is helpful to frequently think about our lives and our actions. Some do it each day before bedtime. Realizing this sacrament gives us the special gift of grace, why would we not take advantage of it on a regular basis? The graces received from this sacrament can help us to live better lives in harmony with each other. As a young person growing up, I remember being taught to go to confession before Christmas, before Easter, and once during the summer. When I was much younger, we were brought once a week. I truly think as adults, that we know when it is time to restore or to put back together that which has become separated in our lives. Reconciliation is the best medicine to accomplish this! Through this sacrament, Christ intervenes to rescue us. This is all we need to do when we miss the mark. Remember --- God never turns away from us. Perhaps it's time for each of us to experience the healing and forgiving love of our Lord.

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

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. Please contact Brian Reich our Music Director at 631-949-9134. Join us for the following rehearsals:

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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, March 30th, from 1PM to 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!

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!

Long Island Cares Food Drive, March 25 & 26, 2023

Our Parish will again hold a food drive during Lent to benefit Long Island Cares. During these difficult times we are all aware of the struggles many of our neighbors endure in meeting the food and financial needs of their households. Long Island Cares provides a valuable service in providing food to community agencies and food pantries across Long Island.



Next weekend, boxes will be available in the atrium for you to place your donated food.

Long Island Cares most needed items: (NO GLASS JARS PLEASE)

- Pancake/Waffle Mixes
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Juice (plastic containers only please)
- Shelf Stable Milk (ex: Parmalat)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam (plastic jars)
- Canned Ham, Chicken, Tuna
- Pasta, Rice, Egg Noodles

- Cooking Oil
- Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soups
- Cookies, Crackers, Granola Bars
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Diapers and Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

PARISH OUTREACH

Eat Simply Recipe

During this Lenten Season, Eat Simply asks 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 as you participate in Eat Simply.

What is a "simple meal" in your house? Below is a recipe that is easy and quick and considered a "simple meal" in my home.

If you have a favorite "simple" recipe, perhaps you would like to share it and we would be happy to share it in the bulletin and on the website. Thank you so much for participating in the Eat Simply program.

Farmer's Market Vegetarian Quesadillas

Serve while hot with your favorite salsa, sour cream, and guacamole. Ingredients

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped red bell pepper (\$1.99 a lb.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped zucchini (\$.85 each)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped yellow squash (\$.91 each) •
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped red onion (\$1.31 each) •
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped mushrooms (\$2.49 for 8 oz. package)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (\$6.39 for 16.09 oz. bottle) -
- cooking spray (\$3.69)
- 6 (9 inch) whole wheat tortillas (\$2.49 Whole Wheat Tortillas) •
- 1 ¹/₄ cups shredded reduced-fat sharp Cheddar cheese (\$2.50 7oz bag)

**All prices listed are based on Stop and Shop brand items and current vegetable prices.

Directions

In a large nonstick pan, cook red pepper, zucchini, yellow squash, onion, and mushrooms in olive oil over medium to medium-high heat for about 7 minutes, or until just tender. Remove vegetables from pan.

Coat the same pan with cooking spray, and place one tortilla in pan. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of cheese evenly over tortilla, and layer 3/4 cup of the vegetable mixture over the cheese. Sprinkle another 1/8 cup of cheese on the vegetables, and top with a second tortilla. Cook until golden on both sides, for approximately 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove guesadilla from pan, and repeat with remaining ingredients. Cut each quesadilla into 8 triangles with a pizza cutter. Serve hot.

Kelley

Special Collections

This week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. For more information about the collection visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Thank you for your support of this collection!



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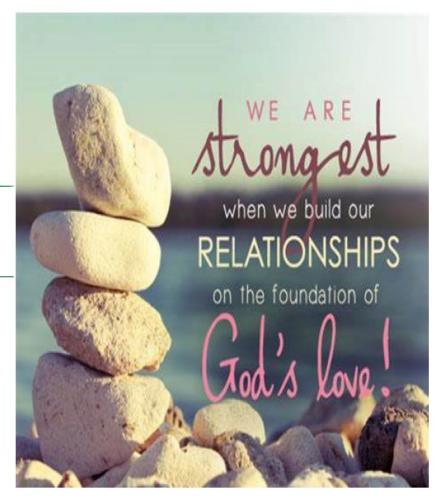
Leading teens closer to Christ 🏦

Come to 5pm Mass April 15th

Join us after Mass for fun, food and fellowship!*

All 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th graders are **WELCOME!**

*DINNER AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED



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Please pick up a brochure on the bulletin table in the atrium for more information.

TAKE A CHANCE 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 introduce the "*Spring Cash Fling.*" This is a similar idea, however it will be offered initially on a quarterly basis.

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase through March, April and May.
- Drawing will be held May 25th.

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!

Spring Cash Fling

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