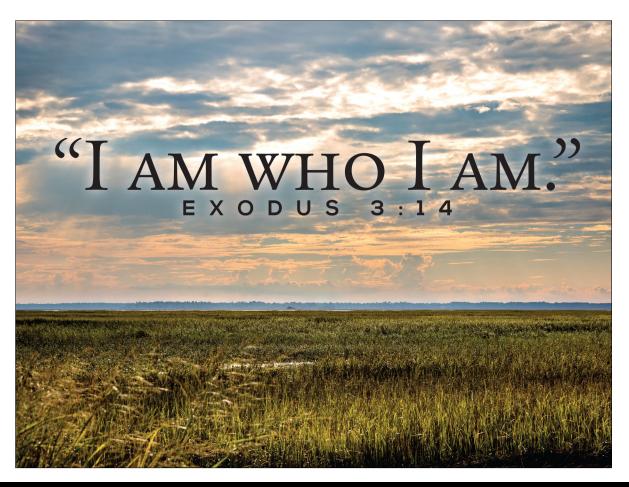
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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

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!

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 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!

631.265.2200 + Fax: 631.265.2229 + Email: parish@holycrossrc.org Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15 - 1 PM)

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Remembering Our Sick

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

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
Linda Jerome	Diane Jones
Maureen Jost	Paul Kruk
Roberta Lamb	Gerald Losquadro
Charlotte Lynch	Amanda Maddox
Viola Malek	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
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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of March 20, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. Gemma & Carmine Cusano Tue. Maureen O'Malley (living) **Wed.** Joshua Hadity (living) Sally Keese Ferri (living) Thu.

Saturday, March 26th, 5 PM Mass

Vito Ligabo, Irene Sirko, Julie Geary, Abbe Dantuono, Aldo Accorsini, Pietro Lorusso

Sunday, March 27th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM	Linda Jerome, Concetta LaRoche, John
	Moran, Aida Maffeo, Alberto Cruz
9:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:30 AM	Josephine O'Shea

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.

WE ARE HERE

by Father Michael

Don't take for granted that we are able to gather here this weekend to celebrate Mass together. This same weekend two years ago was the first weekend we were grappling with the reality of not being able to have public Masses. We were struggling to figure out the technical issues and sound quality of how to livestream. It was a challenging and surreal time for everyone, but we all did our best to sort out what needed to be done. In the midst of circumstances none of us could have imagined, we continued to pray as a community. I'm glad all of that is behind us, but it was a defining time in all of our lives.

This past week I was involved in giving a parish mission at St. John the Baptist parish in Wading River. I gave this mission with three of my priest friends: Msgr. Joe DeGrocco, Fr. John Sureau, and Msgr. Jim Vlaun. The first of these missions began in 1996 when we were trying to help out another priest friend, Msgr. Fred Schafer, who was undergoing cancer treatments at the time. Little did we realize, it was the beginning of many of these retreats that we would offer throughout the Diocese. Our little mission team came here to Holy Cross in 2007. This most recent mission last week was likely the final one we would offer. In total, we offered the mission 46 times. As life has moved forward, the time commitment necessary for these retreats has become more and more of a challenge. It has been a great blessing in my priestly ministry, and I am happy I had the opportunity to do this work.

Although I am neither Irish nor Italian, I do enjoy the traditions that go along with the celebration of St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's day. On Thursday I happily sat down to a corned beef and cabbage dinner. I also enjoy the traditional St. Joseph's pastries that can be part of that day's festivities. I am mostly Hungarian, but also German. I can celebrate my German heritage when Octoberfest rolls around. But, as far as I know, there is no "national goulash day." Oh well, either way I enjoyed the goodies that are associated with the week's celebrations.

On Friday, March 25th, we will once again be able to host a Soup Supper as part of our Lenten offerings. It will be an enjoyable time to share with parishioners. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Robert Cammarata who is our guest speaker. But please let us know if you are coming by using the tear-out in today's bulletin. We are limited in how many people we can accommodate.

We continue to offer our prayers for all those who are suffering in the Ukraine and beyond. Pray for peace.

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Weekly Calendar

Saturday, <i>March 19th</i>	9 AM - 5 PM
• PRE-CANA SESSION	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Monday, <i>March 21st</i>	4 - 6 PM
• GREATER NEEDS	Atr., Wor. Ar.
Tuesday, March 22nd • IN STITCHES	10 AM Atrium
Wednesday, <i>March 23rd</i>	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
• LEVEL 8 PRAYER SERVICE 7 PM	Worship Area
Thursday, <i>March 24th</i>	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• DRESS A GIRL MEETING 1-3PM	Atrium
Friday, March 25th SOUP SUPPER 	6 PM Atrium, FJ
Saturday, <i>March 26th</i>	5 PM
• LI CARES FOOD DRIVE	Atrium
Sunday, <i>March 27th</i>	All Masses
• LI CARES FOOD DRIVE	Atrium
• BAPTISM GATHERING 10:30AM	Fr. Joe Room

• YOUTH NIGHT

):30AM Fr. Joe Roo 6-8PM Atrium



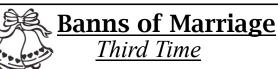
Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Sunday Scriptures? Come join the Scripture

Study Group on Thursdays during Lent at 10am in the atrium!

<u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, March 26th/27th</u>



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



Andrea Farina & Daniel D'Orazio

Scripture Readings for March 27, 2022

- + Joshua 5:9-12
- + 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Special Collection

Next weekend we will also be collecting for **Catholic Relief Services**. 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. Thank you for your support!

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 would like more information, please contact Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at youthgroup@holycrossrc.org or call the parish office. **Our next meeting is March 27th from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!**

LITURGY BYTES

The Lord's Prayer



The prayer we call the Lord's Prayer, a/k/a the Our Father, is a very precious gift to us. This Lenten season, let us have the words take root in our hearts in a different or new way.

The prayer's opening, "Our Father," teaches that we can regard God as a loving parent who always desires what is for our good. The "Our" reminds us that we belong to a family of faith. To pray for the coming of God's kingdom and the enactment of God's will calls for a commitment on our part to do God's will.

My question is, how can I pray that God's will be done if I am not willing to obey God's ways? As children, we were taught that by being obedient, we give glory and honor to God. Most of us would recall how we tried to please God, especially as children. This Lent, that thought and the words to this very familiar prayer made me question where I stand.

The petitions in this prayer for daily bread and forgiveness manifest two basic truths: we are dependent completely on God, and we are in need of God's mercy. Both of these also come with the responsibilities of being generous with others and forgiving those who have hurt us.

Let the words to this prayer transform us this Lent and take root in our hearts. Remember, these are the words that Jesus himself taught us to pray! Going forward, try to say the words slowly and thoughtfully, imagining ourselves at the feet of Jesus, praying along with his voice, as we begin... *Our Father, who art in heaven...*

Have a blessed, healthy, safe, and prayerful week! \sim *Michele Hall*

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*Good Will Offering

Eat Simply Ideas

Here are some ideas to consider using for your family's participation in our Eat Simply program.

- If you give up sweets for Lent, donate the money saved so that we can purchase cookies and snacks for a family.
- Discuss what a "simple meal" means in your household. Is it soup and bread? Is it a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Our simple meals can be a gourmet feast for some families struggling to make ends meet.
- Rather than having your Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts coffee, make your morning coffee at home. The money you donate could buy a can of coffee for a family.

 If you are ordering in for dinner, pick up food instead of using Door Dash/Uber Eats (many restaurants have curbside pick-up now). Make a simple homemade dessert for after dinner and donate what it would have cost had you ordered something in.

Envelopes are available on the bulletin tables. You may return your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the Altar or in the collection basket. Thank you so much for prayerfully participating in our Eat Simply program, so others may simply eat!

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!

Long Island Cares Food Drive 2022

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, March 26th and 27th, 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: Parmálat)
- 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

EAC Network is still providing free and confidential support to Suffolk County through NY Project Hope. Please call **516-510-0282** or check online at projecthopeinfo@eac-network.org to learn more. Our helpline is available Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM and Saturdays 8AM-4PM. NY Project Hope Crisis Counseling Program has been EXTENDED through December 2022!

For the month of February, Outreach served 37 households which consisted of 3 children, 40 adults and 5 seniors. We provided 75 services. Thank you for your generous support of Outreach and the families we serve.

Cooking out of the Pantry with Jackie Vecchiarelli

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 <u>March 27th</u> We cannot guarantee a reservation after 3/27

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

Homebound and Hospitalized

Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know in a more personal way our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. Please call 265-2200 x113 or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us. We really depend on you.



Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

These are some of the ways Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

PRAY FOR HEALING

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility, and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



"During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ." - Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms.

Let us pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. During our time of fasting and abstinence in these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



Have you thought about "fasting" from a regular purchase of something – i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10-month period, this simple "fast" can serve so many in need!

A weekly expense of \$6.25 = \$250 donation

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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The Long Island Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue

Materials to engage local communities in common worship, study and mission will be made available.*

Sunday, March 27, 4:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Incarnation 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, New York

Join with fellow Christians during Lent in praying for peace, justice, healing, reconciliation and unity in our Church and our world.

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Kelsey Brown

Pastor Kelsey is a native Long Islander who is serving at "Jehu's Table" in Brooklyn, a mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

For information, contact LARC co-chairpersons:

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The Rev George Summers ELCA summers@optonline.net The Rev. Dr. Richard Visconti ECUSA rvisconti10@gmail.com The Rev. Msgr. Donald Beckmann Diocese of Rockville Centre dbeckmann@drvc.org

*To request materials if you are not attending, contact LARC Dialogue member Diane Vella at dvella@stbernardchurch.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saints Philip and James School and Academy



Open House and Registration

Sunday, March 27, 2022 11:00am – 1:00 pm

Saints Philip and James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Early Education - Grade 8 Programs

NURSERY

Half Day Program: 8:30am - 12:30pm 2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday 3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5 Days - Monday - Friday

Full Day Program: 8:30am - 2:50pm 2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday 3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5 Days - Monday - Friday

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 5 Day/Full Day 8:30 am -2:50pm

KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8 5 Day/Full Day 8:50am - 3:00 pm

For further information and to arrange a tour, please call 631-584-7896 or visit our website <u>www.sspjschool.net</u>

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- Community-related service projects
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- 9th Grade Science Class-Living Environment
- CMSAA -Catholic Middle School Athletic Association
- Success on Catholic High School Entrance Exam
- Weekly Electives for Academy students

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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 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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