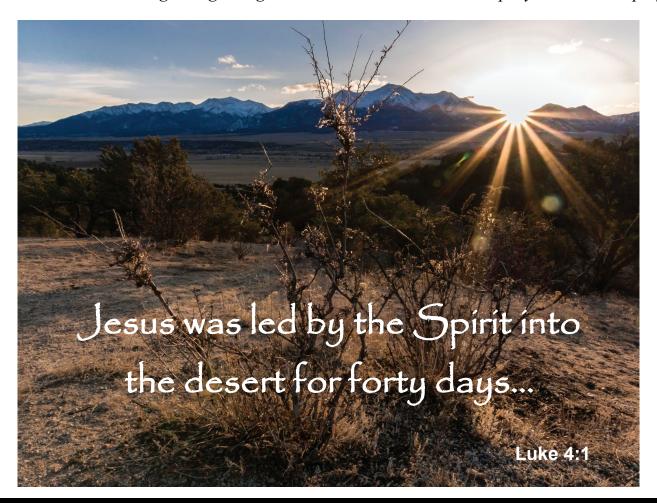
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1st Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2022

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

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Remembering Our Sick

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

Marietta Alvarado Jo Barry Patricia Becker Ann Callari Ann Egan Ralph Farino **Bob** Grieco Debbie Jablinowski **Diane Jones** Paul Kruk Gerald Losquadro **Amanda Maddox Michael Maroney** Olivia Melia **David Reichbach Elaine Ruane Barbara Sherry Chase Turano**

Peter Warns

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Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of March 6, 2022, 9AM Mass

Mon. John Graham (living)

Tue. Maron BradyWed. Linda Castro

Thu. Maureen O'Malley (living)

Saturday, March 12th, 5 PM Mass

Lucy Follo, James Eng, Frank Kane, Edward Proper, Stephen Eith

Sunday, March 13th, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Arthur Buckhout **9:30 AM** People of the Parish

11:30 AM Dominick Foresto, Francesca Palumbo, Marie Evangelista, Vincenzo Baratta,

Adelayde Chersevani, Celeste Babi

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.

A MOST HOLY SEASON

by Father Michael

Lent began with the imposition of ashes this past Wednesday. It is remarkable that a season that speaks of reconciliation, fasting, and sacrifice rings true in the hearts of so many people. It seems there is something deep within all of us that recognizes the need for conversion, growth and facing the darkness of our lives. I encourage you to embrace a discipline that will in some way deepen your relationship with the Lord. Growing pains are never easy, regardless of how old we are. We pray that each of us has the courage and willingness to grow with the Lord to allow his mercy and compassion to bring us new life.

As I said, I hope each person can use well these holy days for personal growth. But beyond that, in a particular way this year, our focus must also go beyond our own lives. Each day reveals more hardship and destruction in the Ukraine. There are many innocent people suffering on both sides of the border. The Holy Father has urged us all in some way to hold in our prayer and fasting those who are in the midst of turmoil. May our prayers help to relieve the suffering and foster a resolve for peace. There is an abundance of discord in life. May we come to experience unity as we prayerfully embrace all those whose lives have been impacted by the war.

Remember our Level 2 Religious Ed children this week. They will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in preparation for their First Holy Communion. As young as they are, and as busy as it is to hear all those confessions, there is something beautiful and healing in the experience. If it has been a while since you celebrated the sacrament, it is something to consider, especially during this season of Lent.

Fr. John Fitzgerald passed away last Sunday. Some parishioners may remember him as he would be one of the priests I would call to assist with Mass when I was away. He helped out most often with the midweek morning Mass. He was in residence at St. James Church in Setauket. He was my first pastor at St. Elizabeth Church in Melville when I was a newly ordained priest. He was a man for whom academics came naturally. He used his love of knowledge in his preaching and priestly ministry. May he rest in peace.

Last weekend I was on the annual Catholic Faith Network telethon for a few minutes. I was reading pledges and chit chatting with the host. Msgr. Vlaun who runs the Network and is a friend and classmate. I am always happy to support him in his ministry. CFN does provide a spiritual lifeline, most especially to the homebound. It is common when I visit someone for a Communion call the TV is tuned to Channel 29.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 5th 3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR Worship Area

• K OF C FUNDRAISER 5PM Atrium

Sunday, March 6th All Masses
• K OF C FUNDRAISER Atrium

SCOUT SUNDAY
 9:30AM Worship Area, Atr.
 ANOINTING OF THE SICK 10:30AM Worship Area

• BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area

Monday, March 7th 4 - 6 PM
• GREATER NEEDS Atr., Wor. Ar.
• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7PM Fr. Joe Room

Tuesday, March 8th 10 AM
• IN STITCHES Atrium

• 1ST RECONCILIATION 5&7PM Wor. Ar., Atr.

Wednesday, March 9th 11:30AM-2:30PM

• SENIORS Atrium

Thursday, March 10th 10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY Atrium

Saturday, March 12th 11 AM & 1 PM
• 1ST RECONCILIATION Wor. Ar., Atr.

Sunday, March 13th 6 - 8 PM
• YOUTH NIGHT Atrium

Scripture Readings for March 13, 2022

- + Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
- + *Philippians 3:17-4:1*
- + Luke 9:28-36



Holy Cross Welcomes These Children Baptized in February

Leo Joseph Governale Miles Dominick Killoran Joseph Patrick Oliveri Aaron Stanley Ridulfo Giovanni Joseph Ridulfo Myla Skye Zerafa

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses, March 12th/13th



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

Pray for Our Military

SPC(E-4) David Basler
Cpl Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC
SA Anthony J. DeNicola
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

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2022.

Please let us know if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2023. May God bless all who serve our nation. Pray for Peace!



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in February:

Theresa Castellano Julie Geary Aida Maffeo

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

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

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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 NEWS



Banns of Marriage

<u>First Time</u>

Andrea Farina & Daniel D'Orazio

Anointing of the Sick

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

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.



Special Collections

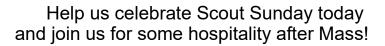
This weekend we will also be collecting for **The Church in Need**. The monies collected at this time will go to the Church in Latin America where there is a particular need for help.

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more how your gift makes a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of these important collections!



Girl Scout & Boy Scout Sunday March 6th, 2022 9:30 Mass





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!

PARISH NEWS

Winter Windfall

Congratulations to the following Winter Windfall winners!

Amount Name

| Amount | <u>Name</u> |
|--------|----------------------------|
| \$25 | Michelle Powers |
| \$25 | Daniel Jaffe |
| \$25 | Vivian Collura |
| \$25 | Barbara Burger |
| \$25 | AnnaMarie Mula |
| \$25 | Steve Reidy |
| \$25 | Jason Mulderig |
| \$25 | Barbara Burger |
| \$25 | Charles Modica |
| \$25 | Liliana Mulderig |
| \$25 | Janet Talay |
| \$25 | Gerald Pisapia |
| \$25 | Jessica Mulderig |
| \$25 | Denise Greening |
| \$25 | Pam Pavone |
| \$50 | Larry Marino |
| \$50 | Frances Dolan |
| \$50 | Connie Lipnicki |
| \$50 | Linda Spahr, Joe Lescinski |
| \$50 | Joyce Knipper |
| \$50 | Amelia Marcucci |
| \$50 | Joellen Wadsworth |
| \$50 | Mary Estock |
| \$50 | Joan Ward |
| \$50 | Connie Lipnicki |
| \$100 | Geraldine Schreiber |
| \$100 | Wendy Ringhiser |
| \$250 | Janet Talay |
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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!



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP



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



Lent 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent is a journey from the desert of death to the springs of new life. We follow Jesus into the wilderness of the desert to renew our baptismal covenant with the Father. During this sacred time, we die to sin, and washed clean from our self-centeredness and attachment to the world, rise to divine grace and love. As we enter this privileged season, let us reflect once more on the three means we employ during this forty-day journey of penance and conversion: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer. Prayer is most simply a conversation with God, and St. Paul reminds us that this conversation must be continual. The Apostle to the Gentiles enjoins us to "pray at all times" (Eph 6:18), "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17), and "be constant in prayer" (Rom 12:12). To pray this way requires effort. It demands silence, artful listening, and remaining in the presence of God. This Lent we remember two powerful ways we enter into this holy conversation: by sitting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and through *lectio divina*, a prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture.

Fasting. The Church Fathers speak extensively on the power of fasting to break sin and open our hearts to the grace of God. Saint Peter Chrysologus writes: "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself" (Sermo 43: PL 52, 320, 322). Let us remember, too, that bodily fasting is useless unless it is joined with spiritual fasting, that is, fasting from our passions.

Almsgiving. Scripture brings the three marks of our Lenten journey together and puts the emphasis on the last: "Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life" (Tob 12:8-9). Almsgiving is better because it points to charity. We remember we are not only to give materially to those in need but also give of ourselves as we love God and neighbor.

Last October, Pope Francis invited the Church into a synod on synodality. The Holy Father wants the Church to journey together in a multi-year process listening to each other, hearing the Word and celebrating the Eucharist. As we journey towards Easter, let us be united in mind and spirit. May the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving prepare us for Easter and an experience of the power of God, which "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty" (*The Easter Proclamation - Exsultet*). Then, alive in Christ, we can go forward evangelizing, as Pope Francis would want, with *parrhesia*: "Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, [and] apostolic fervor" (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 129).

May the loving presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who remained faithful to her son at the foot of the cross, protect and sustain us in our Lenten journey.

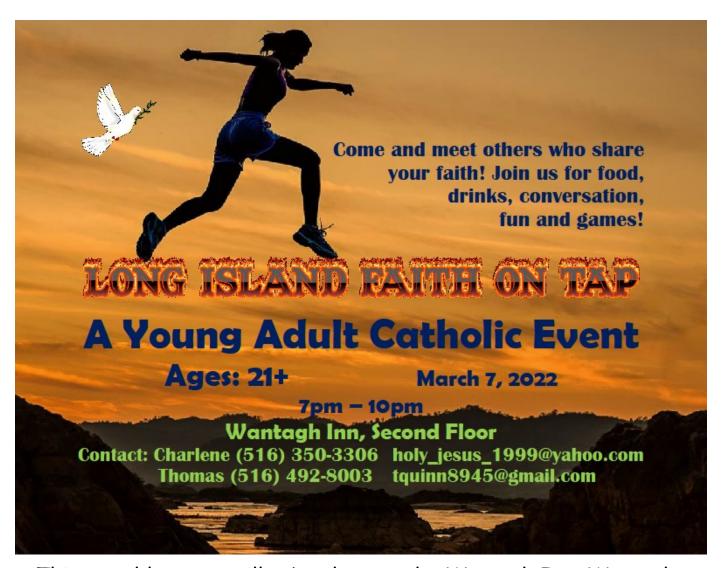
Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

COMMUNITY NEWS

Faith on Tap

Sponsored by: St. Frances de Chantal R.C. Church 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793



This monthly event will take place at the Wantagh Inn, Wantagh.

We are looking to start the Faith on Tap series again (Long Island). It's a gathering where Young Adults from across the diocese can come together, to learn about their faith, and create lasting friendships through social events. This will be a monthly event. The goal of this Catholic group is to help foster the faith within young adults as well as make new connections. The millennial generation and beyond are the future of the Catholic Church. Our faith and fellowship must be passed on for future generations to come.

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!

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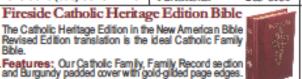
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