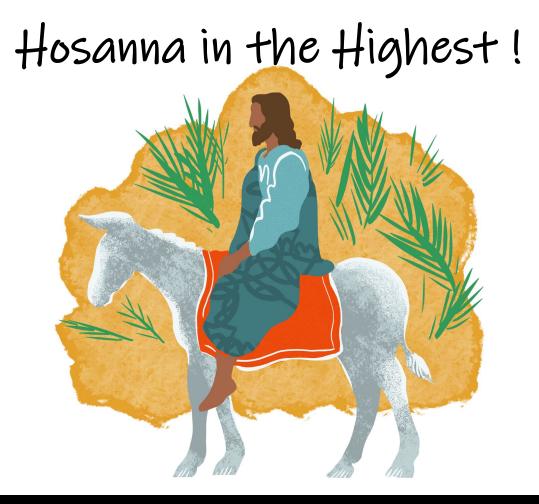
## The Parish of the Holy Cross

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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!**

### Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022

#### We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM (There will not be a 5 PM Mass on April 16. The Easter Vigil is at 8 PM on April 16.) The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.

#### We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM (No afternoon confession on April 16); 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)

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann Pastor, ext.115

Mrs. Judith Pickel Pastoral Associate, ext.116

Mrs. Tricia Clarke, ext.112 Director of Religious Ed.

Mr. Brian Reich Director of Music Ministry Deacon Joseph Maffeo Pastoral Minister, ext.124

Mrs. Michele Hall Pastoral Associate, ext.120

Mrs. Kelley Mowat, ext.113 Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Ms. Alexandra Roecklein Youth Minister

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Mrs. Jane Wirth Parish Secretary, ext.122 Dr. Vincent Mazurek Music Minister/Webmaster

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Mrs. Mary Pannone, ext.111 Religious Education Secretary (mpannone@holycrossrc.org)

Mrs. Barbara Shipman P/T Asst. to the Pastor

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Ms. Karina D'Angelo Bookkeeper

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Mr. Roberto Maza Custodian Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

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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	Barbara Bombace
Ann Callari	Manuela Diaz
Ann Egan	Jim Emerson
Ralph Farino	Sienna Fricke
Charles Haner	Debbie Jablinowski
Linda Jerome	<b>Diane Jones</b>
Maureen Jost	Kristen Kennedy
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	<b>Barbara Sherry</b>
Kyle Sweeney	Chase Turano
Judy Viskupic	Peter Warns
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#### Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of April 10, 2022, 9AM Mass
Mon. Scott Sullivan (living)
Tue. Aurora & Dominick Cefaloni
Wed. Paul Shewmaker
(No morning Mass on Thursday)

Holy Thursday, April 14th, 8PM Mass People of the Parish

Easter Vigil-Saturday, April 16th, 8PM Mass All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

Easter Sunday-April 17th, Mass at 8, 9:30, 11:30AM All Easter Prayer Card Intentions

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.

## **COULD WE START AGAIN?**

For those of you who experienced Journey, Cross and Crucifixion here at Holy Cross two weeks ago, this is one of the songs at the beginning of the story. This piece comes from the classic musical, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. The song begins with Mary Magdalene and Peter expressing their sorrow towards Jesus. In their own way, they lament how things unfolded for Jesus. They wish there was



something that could be done so that he does not have to face his death. They long for a way to start anew in their relationship. As sincere as their desires were, Jesus' journey continued toward Calvary.

Peter and Mary Magdalene express sentiments that many of us hold in our hearts. There are times when we wish we could start anew. All of us have actions and parts of our lives that we wish we could erase. While we can never undo our past, we always have the opportunity to start anew in our relationship with the Lord. This very time of the year reminds us of that gift. Today we tell the Passion story. This week we relive the days of Holy Week. We once again tell the great stories of our faith. Although we have heard them before, there is an opportunity for the blessings and the graces of these celebrations to renew our hearts with hope and life.

Two years ago the church doors were locked on Palm Sunday. The one Mass for the day was live streamed from the dining room of my house. For all of us, life was in a difficult place. In spite of the unusual limitations of those days, it did not deter us from telling the story of our salvation. The Paschal Mystery was embraced even in the face of a pandemic. This year the challenges are different. There is a war unfolding half a world away. In addition, all of us carry the burdens and challenges of our individual lives. We bring our lives again before the altar and allow the mystery of Christ's dying and rising to touch our hearts.

We often associate January 1st as a time for beginning anew and making resolutions. There is a much deeper foundation for appreciating a newness of life through God's grace in these coming days. Allow these days to become a holy time for you. Perhaps you are being called to find forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Perhaps it is through the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter that new life will be found. "Could we start again" is more than a nice sentiment found in a song lyric. It lies at the heart of what we believe in, the power of the Paschal Mystery. May these be holy days for you and abound in new life.

## **PARISH NEWS**

#### Weekly Calendar

Monday, <i>April 11th</i> • CONFESSION • KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	3-5PM & 5:30-4 Chapel 7PM Fr. Joe Room	8PM
Tuesday, <i>April 12th</i> • IN STITCHES	10 AM Fr. Joe Room	
Wednesday, <i>April 13th</i> • SENIORS	11:30AM-2:30 Atrium	PM
Thursday, April 14th • MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPP (Adoration following Mass until 10)		)
	9 - 10 AM Chapel 12PM Worship Area 3PM Worship Area of Friday.)	
Saturday, April 16th • CONFESSION • EASTER VIGIL (No 5PM Mass today)	9 - 10 AM Chapel 8PM Worship Area	

#### <u>Celebrants for Next Weekend's</u> <u>Masses, April 16th/17th</u>



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

The Bread and Wine for the week April 10th-16th have been lovingly donated by Peter Emerson in thanksgiving for all the prayers and support for the Emerson family.



#### Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday

- + Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43
- + Colossians 3:1-4
- + John 20:1-9

### **Adult Confirmation**

Are you a baptized Catholic who has not celebrated the *Sacrament of Confirmation?* 

If so, it's not too late! Classes will start soon in preparation for Adult Confirmation on the **Feast of Pentecost.** Call Jude at 631-265-2200 x116 for more information.

### 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 April 24th from 6 to 8 PM in the atrium!** 



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Monday, April 11: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Wednesday, April 13: After 9:00 AM Mass Good Friday, April 15: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Holy Saturday, April 16: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022 Saturday 4/9/22: 5:00 PM Mass Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

please note Mass times

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2022 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM (LS) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15, 2022 Children's Service - 12:00 Noon (LS) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM (LS)

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2022 Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS) NO AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY



EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022 Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)



(LS) = Also Live Streamed

## **MORE HOLY WEEK NEWS**

### Holy Week for Children



During the holiest week of the Church year, we remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday. Children and their families are invited to commemorate this important day at a special prayer service, designed especially for our youngest parishioners.

Please join us at Holy Cross for our: Children's Good Friday Prayer Service, April 15th, 12:00 Noon

Come, bring your family, bring a friend. Let this holy day deepen your appreciation of God's great love for us!

### **Holy Land Collection**

**On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Thank you for supporting this important collection!

The Parish Office is closed on Good Friday, April 15th.

### **Easter Mass Intentions**

In lieu of individual announced intentions at the Easter Masses, there are **prayer cards** in the atrium on which to write your special intentions. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Easter Masses.

## A MESSAGE FROM PARISH OUTREACH

If you know of a house, an apartment, or a room to rent in our community, please contact Outreach at 631–265–2200 ext. 113. Thank you!

## **UPCOMING FILM SERIES!**

### The Chosen, Season 2

<u>The Chosen</u> is a film series portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who met him. Based on the Gospels, this series illustrates the stories of everyday people and the profound impact Jesus had on their lives.



Join us as we view all eight episodes of Season 2.

Wednesdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, June 1, 8, 15, 22 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

#### <u>or</u>

Thursdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, June 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.

Each episode is followed by small group discussion.

Participation in **Season 1** is not required for attendance at **Season 2**. However, if you missed **Season 1**, you can download <u>**The Chosen**</u> app (for free) to view it.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office <u>by April 17</u>: Please print!

I would like to attend <u>The Chosen</u>	on Wednesday evenings
	on Thursday afternoons.
Name:	Phone:

Email:

## LITURGY BYTES

# <u>Good Friday into the Vigil</u>



Good Friday is the day Jesus died for the sins of the world! The Church looks quite different on this day – very plain and bare. The Tabernacle door is open revealing no consecrated hosts. The remaining hosts were carried away to the altar of repose on Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The candle by the Tabernacle is blown out and the doors of the Tabernacle are left open to show that Jesus is gone. It is quite dramatic and a wonderful reminder to us that it is a day of mourning and prayer.

The afternoon solemn service on Good Friday is not a Mass. It is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day on which no Masses are offered.

The service usually takes place around 3 PM, the hour that Jesus breathed his last breath on the cross. Very often the priest will begin the service by prostrating himself in front of the altar. If a Deacon is serving, he will join the priest. Scriptures, the Passion, and an extensive list of General Intercessions are part of this service.

Veneration of the Cross also takes place at this service, as both the clergy and the people kneel before a Cross situated in the center aisle. Appropriate music is played and sung during this time. Veneration of the Cross reminds us that through this Cross, the glory of the resurrection emerges. So, on Good Friday, we come forward to show our great reverence and respect for the Cross. Later on, communion is distributed to those present, and all leave the Church in silence.

Some thoughts for this year to ponder: What does the death of Jesus mean to me? Hope you can join us this Good Friday!

## LITURGY BYTES continued

# <u>The Vigil and Beyond...</u>



To continue our look at the Triduum, the final piece of these three days occurs on Holy Saturday in the evening, commonly known as the Easter Vigil.

Holy Saturday is the day when Christ is in the tomb. There are no daytime Masses on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of some sorrow for everyone. We recall with Mary and the disciples that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as He lay in the tomb. A Vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. It is divided into four parts and lasts much longer than a regular Sunday Mass. The parts of this celebration are as follows: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass in which people wishing to be Catholic are brought into the Church.

The Easter Vigil tells the entire story of our salvation—from creation to resurrection and beyond. The extra length of it should not deter you from attending and experiencing this celebration. The beauty of the lighting of the new Easter candle and the singing of the Easter proclamation, also known as the Exsultet, surround the ritual of this night along with the renewal of our Baptismal promises. It is one of the most glorious experiences for all in attendance.

Easter Sunday has everyone on a special high as we bring back the Alleluia, add extra Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria in our celebrations of the great 50 days. Rejoice, the Lord is risen as He said!!! May we all experience the joy of new life in our own way this Easter. Have a most blessed and joyful Easter!

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### Holy Cross Travel Club Presents

7 Night Canada/New England Cruise On the Norwegian "Joy" Sept. 16th—23rd, 2022

#### Ports of Call

Boston Portland, Maine St. John Bay of Fundy Halifax

- Balcony Cabin—\$1599
- Inside Cabin—\$1335
- Includes drink package and Specialty Restaurants
- Rates for Suites, Cabins with window and Singles are available on request.

For more information, please check our website, holycrossrc.org or pick up the information in the Parish Office.

\$250 Deposit is required at sign-up



## PARISH OUTREACH

#### **Bereavement Support Group**

Walking with grief after losing a loved one is as unique as our fingerprints! It can be as if all color in our world is gray.

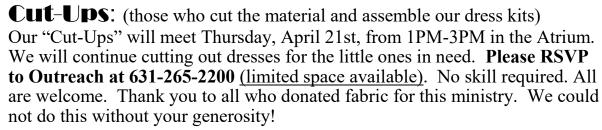
Having time to listen to others dealing with grief can often give us new insights, thus, allowing us to share our pathway and gain ways to move forward, putting some color back in our world!

This bereavement group is a Support Group for **anyone dealing with grief**. *All are welcome*. We will meet for six Wednesdays from <u>5:30 to 7:30 PM</u> on the following dates: <u>May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> & June 22<sup>nd</sup>.</u>

If interested, please register as soon as possible by calling <u>Outreach at Holy Cross</u> <u>631-265-2200 EXT. 113.</u> You will then be contacted by the Facilitator of this group.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you." Matt:11:28







**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!

### Eat Simply

Next Sunday is the beautiful celebration of Easter. Our Lenten journey is coming to an end as we anticipate the joy of Christ's Resurrection! If you haven't already done so, we ask that you return your "Eat Simply" envelopes by next weekend. On behalf of the hungry we serve each day, we thank you for participating in this special Lenten activity. Your prayerful sacrifices will help feed our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are happy to announce that we will again be holding Vacation Bible School this summer from July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration has now begun and is limited to 75 campers. Once the quota is reached, we will need to close registration. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to a fun-filled week of "Monumental—Celebrating GOD'S Greatness." *Tricia and Mary* 

	The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Camper Registration Form July 18 <sup>th</sup> to July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Child's Name:	Age: Date of birth:
Street address:	
City:	Zip: Grade entering Sept. 2022
Home phone:	e-mail:
Parish if not Holy Cr	ross:
Mother/guardian em	nergency contact # / cell #
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The Parish of the Holy Cross VBS Volunteer Registration Form 2022 July 18 <sup>th</sup> to July 22 <sup>nd</sup> Crew Leaders and Station Leaders ***Please Print Clearly***
Applicant Information:
Name:
Address:
Home Phone: Cell:
Email:
If you are in High School, state your grade in September
Circle One: College Student Out of College Parent
Emergency Information:
Emergency Contact Name:
Emergency Contact Number:
Allergies: Yes / No If yes, please fill out Allergy Form. Any Medical Conditions, please
explain:

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Parent's E-mail:	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names:	
Emergency Contact Name:Relation to Helpe	r:
Emergency Contact Phone Number:	
Allergies or other medical conditions: YES/NO If yes, please fill out A	Allergy/Medical Form
VBS REFERENCE INFORMATION	Ň
1. Is this your first year helping at VBS?	YES/NO
a. If no, have you been a Station Helper or Crew helper?	YES/NO
If you helped with a station, which station were you in?	
2. Do you have a sibling enrolled as a camper this year at VBS?	YES/NO
3. What parish do you attend and where do you attend Religious Edu	
Do you have a request to work with a crew or station?	
We will try to honor all requests. Thank you for volunteering!	
t-shirt size (Adult/S, Adult/M, Adult/L, A *t-shirts will be handed out in June at the final meeting before VBS	dult/XL)

## **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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