

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

95 Nichols Road + Nesconset, NY 11767 + 631.265.2200 +

[www.pothc.org](http://www.pothc.org) + [www.facebook.com/pothcnesconset](http://www.facebook.com/pothcnesconset)

**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

## The Baptism of the Lord



...Heaven was opened and  
the Holy Spirit descended upon  
him in bodily form like a dove.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

**Come and pray with us!**

## The Baptism of the Lord - January 13, 2019

**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.*

### WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 A.M. (Chapel)

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. + 9:30 A.M. + 11:30 A.M.

### WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

### WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally celebrated twice each month at 1 P.M. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### WE CELEBRATE WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

# We are here for you!

631.265.2200 + Fax 631.265.2229 + pothc@optonline.net  
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael F. Holzmann  
Pastor

Ms. Kathleen Reid  
Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch  
Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mrs. Judith Pickel  
Pastoral Associate

Deacon Ralph Rivera  
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Tricia Clarke  
Business Manager

Mr. Brian Reich  
Director of Music Ministry

## PASTORAL STAFF

Mrs. Jane Wirth  
Parish Secretary

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Shea  
P/T Office Assistant

Dr. Vincent Mazurek  
Music Minister

Mr. Roberto Maza  
Mr. Vincent Matula  
Custodians

Mrs. Mary Pannone  
Religious Education Secretary  
(hcreled@optonline.net)

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra  
Weekend Sacristan

## Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



### January 19th/20th

5:00 PM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph
9:30 AM	Fr. Frank Eisele
11:30 AM	Fr. Frank

## Mass Intentions Schedule



### Week of January 13th, 9AM Mass

<b>Mon.</b>	Joseph Merone
<b>Tue.</b>	Dorothy Garske
<b>Wed.</b>	Catherine Holzmann
<b>Thu.</b>	Ewa Sypytkowska (living)

### Saturday, January 19th, 5 PM Mass

Ann Keena, Edith Leon

### Sunday, January 20th, 2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

<b>8:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Lawrence Laub
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Victor Chersevani, Victor M. Chersevani, Stephen Pino

## Remembering Our Sick

*Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health of those  
who believe in You...*

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

<b>Charles Armstrong</b>	<b>Maria Conte</b>
<b>Maryann League</b>	<b>Paul Malley</b>

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200.

## Scripture Readings for January 20, 2019



+ Isaiah 62:1-5  
+ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
+ John 2:1-11

# Farewell to Christmas

*by Father Michael*

In case you think our music ministers have made a mistake in playing Christmas music this weekend, they have not. While for most folks, Christmas seems long ago and far away, for the Church the celebration continues through this weekend, the Baptism of the Lord. I'm sure they are already putting out Easter decorations in the stores.

At the 11:30 Mass we welcome back many of our families who celebrated a baptism in the past year. This is an appropriate day to continue to celebrate the gift of life and how their parents have chosen to pass along the gift of faith to their children. It is always a busy (and sometimes noisy) Mass, but one which abounds in life and energy.

We are happy to give away our poinsettias this weekend to those of you who have enough of a green thumb to keep them going well beyond Christmas. I know there is a complicated formula for keeping them in darkness if you want them to bloom for next Christmas, and some folks are good at making this happen.

As I have shared with you in the past, I enjoy the many forms of wildlife that surround my house. It seems the wildlife activity comes in waves, and right now is an active time. There are two scruffy looking deer that are around my house, almost on a daily basis. I have seen a fox a few times over the past few weeks. I always thought that foxes have short legs. This one has legs that are quite long. And, his color is more of a light brown rather than a red. I also saw a blue heron camping out at the side of my fish pond. It is an enormous bird that looks like a holdover from prehistoric times. I scared him away before he was able to scoop and fish out of the pond. It is a great source of joy for me to see these critters of various sizes roaming about the property.

I'm having a tough time adjusting to the new recycling rules. I keep forgetting that we can no longer just pile up all our recyclables on Wednesdays and have them magically disappear. I will do my best to get on the new and improved schedule and be a good citizen.

I'll conclude this Christmas season with a prayer that was on one of my Christmas cards. It is a simple message, but one that speaks to the heart:

*Dear Lord, help us listen like the shepherds . . .*

*Rejoice like the angels . . .*

*Seek like the wise men . . .*

*Believe like Mary and Joseph . . .*

*And live all year with the peace, joy, and love Christ came to give. Amen*

# YOUTH NEWS!



The Parish of the Holy Cross is hosting a **Valentine Sweetheart Dance** for all Level 1 through 5 Students and their designated sweetheart

Date: Friday, February 8th

Time: 7pm—9pm

Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

Cost: \$10.00 per couple

Best party attire suggested.

Come join us for dancing, refreshments and fun! There will also be a Photo Booth and a Candy Table.

Please RSVP by February 1st

631-265-2200 ext. 11 or [herald@optonline.net](mailto:herald@optonline.net)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Note: Space is limited, so please call to register ASAP!



Hello everyone! Are you in high school? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? If you made your Confirmation, then check out the wonderful opportunities the **Youth Group** has for you! Here is a picture of us having fun at our January 6th Youth → Night! And, here are our upcoming events!



- **Sunday, 1/13** - The Youth Group will gather for a fun-filled Youth Night from 6 to 8PM in the atrium. All are welcome! We will not be meeting the following weekend due to the holiday, so enjoy the holiday weekend!

If you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

# TOO SOON TO THINK ABOUT LENT?

While we know it is only January, the Pastoral Team has some exciting news about Lent to share with you.

This Lent, in cooperation with St. Joseph's Renewal Center, we will be offering the opportunity for parishioners to make a directed retreat - a five-week period of personal prayer, guided by a Spiritual Director, beginning the week of March 10. During the retreat, each participant will pray with suggested Scripture passages at home, and meet with a director once a week, at a mutually agreed upon time, at Holy Cross. Because there is planning and scheduling to be done, and some financial commitments to be made by Holy Cross, we need to know soon who would be interested in participating in this retreat. No experience is required - just a commitment to prayer and a desire to deepen your relationship with God. Make this Lent a little different - spend some special time with the God who loves you. If you have any questions, please call Jude Pickel at extension 16.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return it to the Parish Office by ***January 31***:

I would like to participate in the **Lenten Directed Retreat**: *(Please print)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

We, at Parish Outreach, are aware that there are many parishioners who may be serving as caregivers to elderly parents or special need family members. We would like to discern if the parish could be more present to them and their needs.

As caregivers you often become aware of resources available for your family member - perhaps sharing this information would be a good way to assist each other. In order to assess ways the parish may be of help in these situations, we invite you to complete the following questions.

The completed form may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.

Do you have an interest in being part of a support group for Caregivers? If yes, when would you be able to attend a group? Day \_\_\_\_\_ or Evening \_\_\_\_\_

What other ways do you feel the parish can be of support to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# CASH CALENDAR



## PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS CASH CALENDAR ~ JANUARY 2019

This year, the Parish of the Holy Cross shares its anniversary with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 \$50	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50
6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50
13 \$50	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50
20 \$50	21 \$500	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50
27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$50	<b>\$10 Per Chance</b> <b>31 Chances to Win</b> <b>\$50 Per Day</b> <b>\$500 on January 21</b>	

*Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, January 12th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT	Fr. Joe Room
<b>Sunday, January 13th</b>	<b>11:30 Mass</b>
• BAPTISM CELEBRATION	Wor. Ar., Atr.
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
<b>Monday, January 14th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	FJ, Atr., WA
• LEVEL 2 CATECHIST MTG.	7PM Atrium
<b>Tuesday, January 15th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 2 CATECHIST MTG.	1:30 PM Atrium
<b>Wednesday, January 16th</b>	<b>11:30AM-2:30PM</b>
• SENIORS	Atrium
<b>Thursday, January 17th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• RCIA	7PM Conference Rm.
<b>Sunday, January 20th</b>	<b>1 PM</b>
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area

# SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund.

Next weekend we will also be collecting for our **Regional Schools**. An investment in our children is an investment in our future!



Thank you for your support of these very important collections!

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

## Scripture Study

Join us for Scripture Study on Thursday, January 17th, at 10AM in the Father Joe Room!



# REMINDERS

## Gluten Free Hosts

For parishioners who have Celiac Disease or a gluten sensitivity, Holy Cross has gluten free hosts. If you would like to receive a gluten free host during Communion, please inform the Sacristan prior to Mass.

## Hearing Devices

For parishioners who have difficulty hearing, Holy Cross has individual devices which can amplify sound. They are simple to use and work for those who wear hearing aids and those who do not. If you are interested in using one of these devices, please see the Sacristan or an Usher prior to Mass.

## Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits Heifer International.

## Senior Group

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in on the **first and third Wednesday** of the month and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the atrium of the church from 11:30am to 2:30pm. **Our next meeting is January 16th.** We hope to see you there!





"Caring that Counts"

www.moloneyfh.com

MOLONEY

Family Funeral Homes, Inc.

Peter G. Moloney • Francis D. Moloney, Jr.

LAKE RONKONKOMA
132 Ronkonkoma Avenue
(631) 588-1515

HAUPPAUGE
840 Wheeler Road (Rte. 111)
(631) 361-7500

HOLBROOK
825 Main Street
(631) 981-7500

CENTRAL ISLIP
130 Carleton Avenue
(631) 234-6000

BOHEMIA
1320 Lakeland Avenue
(631) 589-1500

PORT JEFFERSON STATION
523 Route 112
(631) 473-3800

LYON TREE SERVICE
All Phases of Tree Work
Safe & Dependable Service
Highly Skilled Professional Staff
30 Years of Experience
Expert Pruning • Expert Removal
Diagnostics • Fertilization • Spray
Applications By Certified Arborist
Free Woodchips Delivered
www.lyontree.com
Lic/Ins 26784 HI 737-6347



flowersbytowers.com
979-8848 (888) 65TOWERS



Susan A. Lampach, CBR
Lic Real Estate Salesperson
(631) 806-8579 Mobile
susan.lampach@cbmoves.com
Parishioner

COLDWELL BANKER
RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

Smithtown Primary Medical Care

Ronald R. Roth, M.D.
Barbara Mazzola ANP Kristin Feiss FNP Tina Riggs ANP Peter Wharton RPA
Flu Shots • Physicals All Ages • Medical Marijuana
100 Maple Avenue, Smithtown 2539 Middle Country Road, Centereach
631-265-7671 631-580-1740

Story Book Homes Inc.

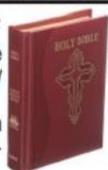
Custom Homes • Apartments
Developers • Planned Communities
Al Hornberger BUS. OFFICE
Parishioner 265-6131

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC
www.NassauSuffolkElectric.com
1 (631) 487-0939
1 (516) 417-8403
Lenny Mannino
Master Electrician
Licensed & Insured
10% OFF
VISA, M.C., A.M.E.

OLSEN'S REST HOME
Administrator George Olsen Jr.
366 Gibbs Pond Rd - PO Box 256
Nesconset (631) 588-5676

Little Vincent's PIZZA
RONKONKOMA, L.I.
981-9631
OTHER LOCATION: HUNTINGTON, L.I.
Since 1972

Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible
The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible
Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.
Features: Our Catholic Family, Family Record section
and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.



Only \$69.99 post paid

C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc.
200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704
Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of
\_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped post

paid to:
Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:

Classical Broadway • Sacred Irish • Italian, German, Latin & more
For Any Occasion
VERSATILE TENOR
Jeffrey P. Brown 631-335-5393
brownjeff@yahoo.com

QUALIFIED CUSTOM FRAMING Inc.
Building Your Dreams Since 1996
All Home Improvements
Dormers/Roofing/Siding
Additions/Basements
Sr. Citizen Discounts
New Consumer Discounts
Up to 10%
(631) 585-2914
Bill Schmogger, Parishioner

Page & Company Jewelers
Est. 1962
"The Source for All Your Jewelry Needs"
2194 Route 347
Stony Brook
631.444.5600

Lake Auto Service
11 Church St., Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
Honest Reliable Service
Hrs. 8AM-5:30PM
Sat. 8AM-12PM



Maureen Raia
Lic. Broker Associate
Direct: 631.979.2926
Cell: 631.484.3555
Email: mraia@coachrealtors.com

SMITHWEST SERVICE CENTER
NATIONWIDE 24 MONTH 24,000 MILE REPAIR WARRANTY COVERS PARTS & LABOR
795 Middle Country Road, St. James
(631) 265-9885 / 265-5700
STATE INSPECTION \$10.00 OFF
NYS SAFETY EMISSIONS CERTIFICATE ONLY
LIMITED TIME ONLY WITH COUPON
Cannot Be Combined With Any Other Offer

J & S Used Auto Sales, Inc.
Dave Izzo - Owner
11 Church St., Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
Phone (631) 981-4500
30 yrs experience

St. James Funeral Home, Inc.
"Personal Attention & Dignified Service - Our Continuing Tradition"
A Home for Funerals & Creations
South Chapel
829 Middle Country Rd (Jericho Tpke) Rte 25 St. James (631) 584-7200
Kenneth J. Maher, Owner, Lic. Manager & Director
Kerry J. Maher, Lic Director
Kenneth J. Maher, Jr., Lic., Director

The Bristol
ASSISTED LIVING
2995 Middle Country Rd
Lake Grove, NY 11755
(631) 676.7580
THEBRISTAL.COM

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC
www.NassauSuffolkElectric.com
1 (631) 487-0939
1 (516) 417-8403
Lenny Mannino
Master Electrician
Licensed & Insured
10% OFF
VISA, M.C., A.M.E.

SACHEM DENTAL GROUP
General Dentistry • Orthodontics • Periodontics Endodontics • Implant Dentistry
470 Patch Holbrk Rd, Holbrk 631-589-8485
469 Hawkins Ave., Lk. Ronk. 631-588-8280
971 Broadway Ave., Holbrook 631-589-8451
235 Boyle Rd., Selden 631-732-8338
110 Smithtown Blvd., Nescon. 631-382-8585
38 Oak St. Patch. 631-438-3255

SMITHWEST SERVICE CENTER
NATIONWIDE 24 MONTH 24,000 MILE REPAIR WARRANTY COVERS PARTS & LABOR
795 Middle Country Road, St. James
(631) 265-9885 / 265-5700
STATE INSPECTION \$10.00 OFF
NYS SAFETY EMISSIONS CERTIFICATE ONLY
LIMITED TIME ONLY WITH COUPON
Cannot Be Combined With Any Other Offer

24 Hr. Emergency Service
Phone/Fax (631) 580-7500
B&R PLUMBING & HEATING
Senior Discount 10%
315 Smithtown Blvd.
Nesconset Parishioner

724-2884 Est. 1986
Beautiful Tiquo Hair Studio
204 Smithtown Blvd.
Nesconset
(631) 265-3577 EST. 1958

ACADEMY FENCE COMPANY
660 JERICHO TPKE
ST. JAMES

IF YOU LIVE ALONE YOU NEED LIFEWATCH
At Home and AWAY!
Ambulance, Police, Fire, Friends/Family
Real Time GPS Tracking
Fall Detection
SOS Emergency Button
24 Hour Monitoring
CALL NOW! 800 890-6212

Full Service Nursery Est. 1962
OLSENS NURSERY
"YOU NEED IT, WE HAVE IT!"
CAMBRIDGE AUTHORIZED DEALER
PROPANE • DECORATIVE STONES
POOL SAND • TOP SOIL
QUALITY MULCHES • PLANT MATERIAL
ANNUALS • PERENNIALS • TREES
386 Lake Ave. S. • Nesconset
631 - 265 - 8093
www.olsensdiscountnurseries.com

DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT
For Catholic Health Services doctors and hospitals near you call 855-CHS-4500
Catholic Health Services
of Long Island
At the heart of health

Branch Funeral Homes
FUNERALS & CREMATIONS
Trust. Quality. Affordability.
Owned by the Vigilante Family - Henry Vigilante • John Vigilante • Paul Vigilante
TRUSTED CREMATION WITH CARE™ PROVIDER
Miller Place
551 Route 25A
(631) 744-9700
BranchFH.com
Smithtown
190 East Main Street
(631) 724-9500
info@BranchFH.com