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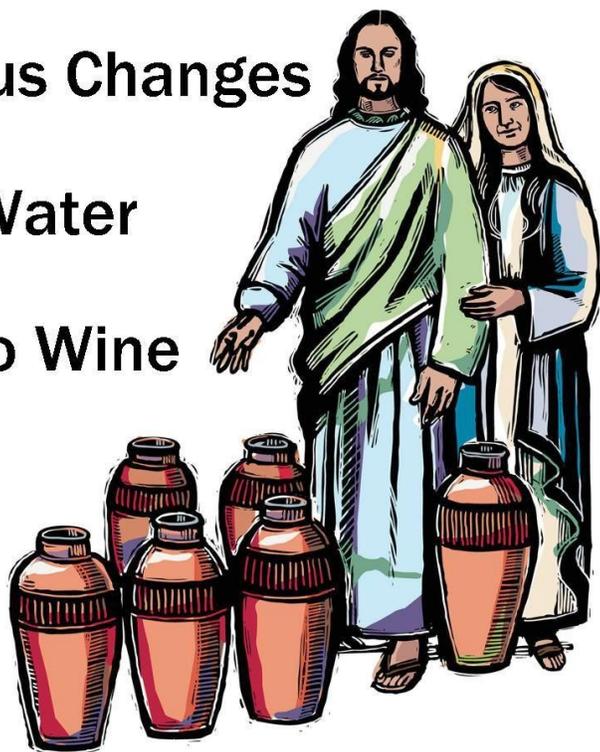
LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

The Wedding at Cana

Jesus Changes

Water

into Wine



...Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11

Come and pray with us!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 20, 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 BAPTISM

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

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

or call Father Michael for an appointment.

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)

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



January 26th/27th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of January 20th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Parish of the Holy Cross
Tue. Vanessa & Liliana Donlon (living)
Miryam Ballesteros & Astrid Lopez
Wed. Neal & Concetta Romano
Thu. Victor Lamarque

Saturday, January 26th, 5 PM Mass

Albert Pontieri

Sunday, January 27th, 3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Patrick Manley
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Carmela Rienzi, Peggy Parker, Catherine
Freiberger, Giuseppe Pellitteri, Thomas
Lloyd

Remembering Our Sick

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.



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 21st, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be a 9:00 Mass Monday morning.



Scripture Readings for January 27, 2019

+ Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10
+ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
+ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Ordinary Time

There are two blocks of time within the Liturgical year when we celebrate what is known as Ordinary Time. This is the season in which we now find ourselves. It will continue through Ash Wednesday, which is on March 6. Ordinary Time is not meant to mean mediocre or uneventful. It is ordered or numbered time. Green vestments are worn throughout the season. That color is sometimes described to be symbolic of a time of growth and hope. It is not a time of our greatest celebrations, but it is the time where our lives move forward open to the work of the Spirit among us.

Last week it was announced that the elementary school at St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma will be closing at the end of the academic year. On paper the decision makes sense. Enrollment has been declining and parish subsidy has steadily been rising. It was simply no longer feasible to keep the place going. But aside from facts and figures is the human factor. There is always sadness and/or anger when something that was an important part of the lives of individuals or a parish cannot be sustained. We pray for that community as they face this significant moment in their history.

We often associate the word "happy" with an anniversary. And many times, anniversaries are happy occasions. But there can also be difficult anniversaries. This week was the first anniversary of my Mom's death. I was surprised at how much of a challenge it was. It wasn't as though I was constantly recalling the events that surrounded her death. I did not choose to dwell on those memories, but there was a wave of emotion that came to life on its own. I am grateful for all the ways in which family, friends, and parishioners have reached out. Simply having others share in the moment is a great source of comfort.

Moments like this are unavoidable in life. It is kind of like a passing thunderstorm. You may see it coming, you may want to avoid it, but it has to move along and do its thing. And the good news is, it does pass by. We do what we need to do to minimize how the storm may affect us, but in the end we ride it out and then move forward. I am most appreciative to the many people who have been so supportive and caring during this time.

The response to our first Valentine Sweetheart Dance has been strong. If you are interested, don't wait until the last minute to respond. We don't want to have to turn anyone away. Remember, parish offices are closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Have a blessed week.

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: _____



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

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 are our upcoming events!

- We will not be meeting the weekend of January 19/20 because of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. So, enjoy the holiday weekend!
- Sunday, 1/27 - The Youth Group will gather for a fun-filled Youth Night from 6 to 8PM in the atrium. All are welcome!



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 or call the parish office.

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	\$10 Per Chance 31 Chances to Win \$50 Per Day \$500 on January 21	

Cash Calendar, JANUARY 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 20th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
Monday, January 21st	9 AM
• MASS <i>(The Parish Office is closed today.)</i>	Worship Area
Tuesday, January 22nd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• FINANCE COMMITTEE	7PM Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, January 23rd	7 PM
• LEV. 3 & 4 CATECHIST MEETING	Atrium
Thursday, January 24th	1:30 PM
• MOMS' GROUP	Sacristy
• LEV. 3 & 4 CATECHIST MTG.	1:30PM Atrium
Sunday, January 27th	10:30 AM
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel
• LEV. 4 MASS W/HOSPITALITY	11:30AM Wor.Ar./Atr.
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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 this very important collection!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Thursday, February 14, 2019 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Retreat Center
VALENTINE EVENING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The goal of this time is for us to fall more deeply in love with ourselves, with our spouses and God. In this busy world, take a few hours to slow down and focus on your love. The evening begins with a festive dinner and closes with Eucharist and renewal of marriage vows. **Presenters: Valerie and Michael Dunne**



Offering: \$80 per couple – Festive dinner included, \$25 deposit required to hold your reservation

February 15-17, 2019
FULLY LIVING THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE: JOURNEYING WITH THE PRODIGAL SON

Jesus revealed the dynamics of healing all of life in his greatest parable, the Prodigal Son. During the second half of life, we are to journey from being angry at our self (prodigal) or at another (elder brother) to becoming the Father celebrating all of life. Jesus reveals the key to being healed as the prodigal son gets healed and called back to life while the elder son gets more negative and runs from life. This retreat is for those in the second half of life who want to become fully alive and be sages, not just aged!

Presenter: Fr. Matt Linn, SJ
Offering: \$250 – No Sunday lunch. Commuters: \$195. \$50 deposit required to hold your reservation

Saturday, February 23, 2019 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Retreat Center, 9:30 a.m. arrivals and refreshments
HAVE A BOAT READY...Calm measures for overwhelming days!

In our busy lives today we often feel the overwhelming pressure of demands, schedules and responsibilities. There is just too much to do! In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus often struggling with the same things. He knows how important it is to always "have a boat ready." Jesus teaches us how to take care of ourselves amidst the busyness and constant demands of life. Come and see how to "have a boat ready" in your life!

Presenter: Sr. Kathy Scott, r.c. Offering: \$50 – Lunch included \$20 deposit required to hold your reservation



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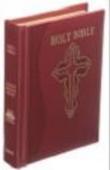
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