The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because be bas anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He bas sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor Joday this scripture is fulfilled in your bearing Luke 4:18-2

Come and pray with us!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 27, 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

Dr. Vincent Mazurek Music Minister

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Shea P/T Office Assistant Mr. Roberto Maza Mr. Vincent Matula Custodians

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

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

February 2nd/3rd



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5:00 PMFr. Mickey Bancroft8:00 AMFr. Kenan Peters9:30 AMFr. Kenan11:30 AMMsgr. Jim Vlaun

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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:

Paul Malley

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.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of January 27th, 9AM Mass

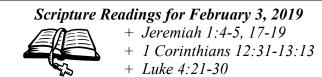
Mon.Helen DalamangoTue.Joann GalganoWed.Giuseppina CarnevaleThu.Maron Brady

Saturday, February 2nd, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr.

Sunday, Feb. 3rd, 4th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Bob DeFilippis
11:30 AM	Stephen Reilly



Jumping January

(I don't know what that means, but it seemed like a good title.)

by Father Michael

At this point, I think everyone has thawed out from the Arctic blast that we had earlier in the week. Monday was certainly a bone chilling day. While we have been dealing with winter temperatures, we have been fortunate in not having to deal with any snow. Our checkbook is happy to be without the expense it incurs, but for those who earn a livelihood from snow removal, this has been a lean season.

As I reported last weekend at Mass, there was a scam that was directed at some of our parishioners. Someone with devious intentions created a very similar e-mail address to mine. The person did not hack into my account, rather they tapped into the account of someone who had Holy Cross parishioners as contacts in their computer. Then they sent off a simple message, seemingly from me. The initial question started off very simply, "Could you do me a favor?" Unfortunately, one parishioner fell prey to the scheme. While you might conclude that it should have been obvious that it was a fraud, in fact, it unfolded in a way that was quite plausible. "I'm stuck in a meeting, and I need to send my niece some gift cards. Can you go to the store for me? I will repay you tomorrow morning at church." Sadly, there are people who will prey upon kindness and good intentions of others. Unfortunately, the plan is devised in such a way that tracking down those involved or getting reimbursement is virtually impossible. Let this be a reminder that we always need to be vigilant, and at times we need to verify what we are doing, even if it seems to be good and holy.

As I am typing this article, I am looking at my fingertips and seeing that they are covered in paint. When my kitchen renovation began, I got the bright idea to also paint the living room, which is quite large. I had two walls of wallpaper to remove first. It seemed like a great idea when I started, and I am hoping it will look good by the time I am done, but it is taking far longer than I ever envisioned. I am in the final stretch of finishing this project. But, as many of you know, it is hard to stop in one spot when a few feet away things look shabby. If I don't limit myself, I will end up painting the entire house.

I will be away next week; I'm taking some time to enjoy a winter break. I am always appreciative of my brother priests who are willing to cover Masses while I am away. Normally, we have our Holy Hour and Anointing of the Sick on the first weekend of the month. Because of my travels, both of those events will be moved to the second weekend of February.

Have a blessed week.

PARISH NEWS

Anointing of the Sick

(Please note the date change for February.)

In the past, people received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick only when they were gravely ill. However, the Church believes that the Anointing of the Sick should be experienced while we are still able to be aware of God's peaceful presence within us.

You are strongly encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick,



which usually is offered on the first Sunday of each month, will instead be offered after the 9:30 Mass on **Sunday**, **February 10th.**

Holy Hour for Peace

(Please note the date change for February.)

The Holy Hour for Peace, which is usually offered on the first Saturday of the month, will instead be offered on

Saturday, February 9th, from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament on February 9th, and pray for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



<u>Thank you!</u>

Thank you to all the bakers who made baked goods for our **Baptism Celebration** on January 13th. You helped to make the day special!

Outreach Food Pantry

Next Saturday and Sunday, **February 2nd/3rd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- TunaMayonnaise
- Macaroni & Cheese Canned Fruit
- Jelly
- Pasta Sauce

Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!



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?

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FOR STUDENTS IN LEVELS 1 - 5

The Parish of the Holy Cross is hosting a Valentine Sweetheart Pance

for all Level 1 through 5 Students and their designated sweetheart (e.g. Parent, Grandparent, Sibling, Aunt, Uncle, Godparent only).

> <u>Date</u>: Friday, February 8th <u>Time</u>: 7pm—9pm <u>Place</u>: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium <u>Cost</u>: \$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 x11 or hereled@optonline.net We look forward to seeing you there! Please Note: Space is limited, so please call to register asap!



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



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answered "Yes!" to any one of those questions, then you MUST check out the Holy Cross Youth Group! You will be glad you did!

If you made your Confirmation, then come with a friend and check out the wonderful opportunities the Youth Group has for you! We would love to see you! The Holy Cross Youth Group is the perfect opportunity for you to continue to grow in your faith and build relationships with others in the parish.

Here are our upcoming events. Take a look!

- Sunday, January 27 Youth Night Event from 6 to 8 PM in the Atrium! All are welcome!
- February 2/3 We will not be meeting this weekend because of the Superbowl!
- Sunday, February 10 Youth Night from 6 to 8 PM! Join us for a fun-filled evening!

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come on down with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are thinking about joining us and you would like more information, then please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com</u> or call the parish office.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Help Write Our Prayer

We are familiar with the part of the Mass when petitions are offered. Today it is referred to as the Universal Prayer, although through the years it has also been called the General Intercessions or The Prayer of the Faithful. The prayers that we currently use come about through a variety of ways. Sometimes we write our own. We also have several on-line resources and books that we use in creating the prayers for each week. Additionally, there is a parishioner who assists in writing them.



We are offering the opportunity for parishioners to suggest needs or intentions that could be prayed for at our weekend Masses. Identify issues within our world, nation, community or Church. This would not be the place to mention individual people or private prayers such as "for my cousin, Daisy." (Our Petition Book in the atrium is available for these special intentions.) Please suggest any prayers you would like to see included in our worship. Keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Be succinct; the prayer needs to be limited to one or two short sentences.
- Normally prayers begin with "For." For our nation, . . .
- This is not the place for prayers of gratitude. In Thanksgiving for . . .
- Prayers should not include any particular agenda or personal opinion.

Depending on how many requests we receive, we will try to include at least one intention per week. It may be necessary to edit the prayer so that its format is consistent with the other prayers.

Please feel free to use the tear-off below to submit your prayer. These can be mailed back to us or placed in the offertory basket. You may also e-mail us your request to pothc@optonline.net.

My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention	Мy	Suggestion	for a	Sunday	Prayer	Intention
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Prayer Intention: "For____

(If you wish you may include your name): _____



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A Statement from the Catholic Bishops of New York State

Words are insufficient to describe the profound sadness we feel at the contemplated passage of New York State's new proposed abortion policy. We mourn the unborn infants who will lose their lives, and the many mothers and fathers who will suffer remorse and heartbreak as a result.

The so-called "Reproductive Health Act" will expand our state's already radically permissive law, by empowering more health practitioners to provide abortion and removing all state restrictions on late-term procedures. With an abortion rate that is already double the national average, New York law is moving in the wrong direction.

We renew our pledge to offer the resources and services of our charitable agencies and health services to any woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, to support her in bearing her infant, raising her family or placing her child for adoption. There are life-affirming choices available, and we aim to make them more widely known and accessible.

Our Governor and legislative leaders hail this new abortion law as progress. This is not progress. Progress will be achieved when our laws and our culture once again value and respect each unrepeatable gift of human life, from the first moment of creation to natural death. Would that not make us truly the most enlightened and progressive state in the nation?

Timothy Cardinal Dolan Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley Archbishop of New York Bishop of Ogdensburg Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano Bishop of Albany Bishop of Rochester Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio Most Rev. John O. Barres Bishop of Brooklyn Bishop of Rockville Centre Most Rev. Richard J. Malone Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham Bishop of Syracuse

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And the Auxiliary and Retired Bishops of New York State

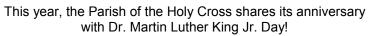
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CASH CALENDAR



PARISH OF THE HOLY CROSS CASH CALENDAR ~ JANUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 27th • PRAY THE ROSARY • CONSOLATION MIN. MTG. • YOUTH NIGHT	12:30PM 6-8PM	10:30 AM Chapel Conference Rm. Atrium
Monday, <i>January 28th</i> • SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES • PASTORAL COUNCIL	7PM	5 PM FJ, Atr., WA Fr. Joe Room
Tuesday, <i>January 29th</i> • IN STITCHES • LITURGY COMMITTEE	7PM	10 AM Fr. Joe Room Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, <i>January 30th</i> • LEV. 5 & 6 CATECHIST MEET	TING	7 PM Atrium
Thursday, <i>January 31st</i> • RCIA • LEV. 5 & 6 CATECHIST MEET	TING	7 PM Conference Rm. Atrium

COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>Worldwide</u> <u>Marriage Encounter</u>

Love is patient, love is kind.

Increase your love for one another by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**.

The next Weekends are February 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and April 26-28, 2019 in Huntington, NY.

For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <u>https://wwmenyli.org/</u>.



ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS!



Boy Scout Sunday February 10, 2019, 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early Class "A" uniforms for scouts & leaders Refreshments will be served after the Mass Come celebrate Scouting's 109th anniversary! **Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & Stand**

Please contact Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor <u>Akjlb23@optonline.net</u> or 516-996-2295 Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **February 5** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group. Also please bring cookies, cupcakes, etc. to share.

Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday is March 10th!

