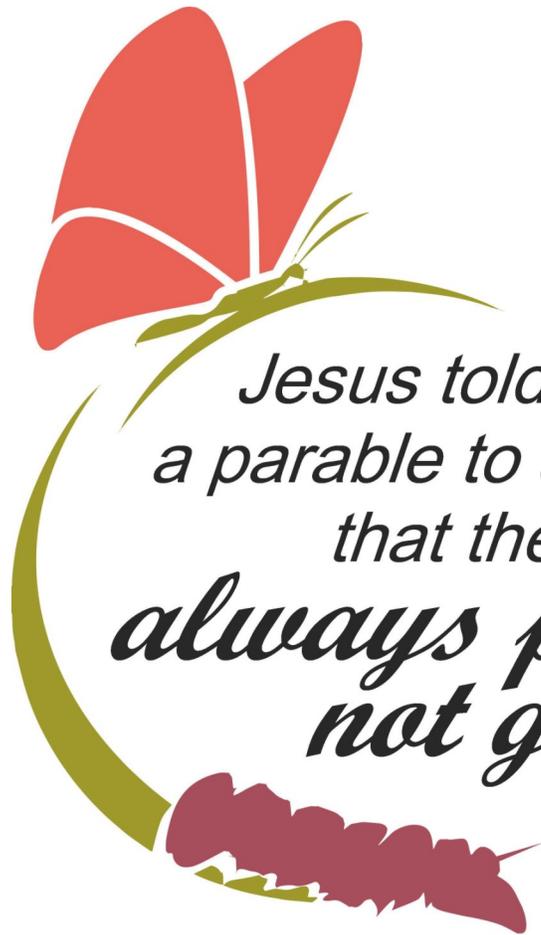


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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



*Jesus told his disciples
a parable to show them
that they should
always pray and
not give up.*

Luke 18:1

Come and pray with us!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 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.

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



October 26th/27th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of October 20th, 9AM Mass

Mon. James Mazzo
Tue. Maria Conte
Wed. Tom Garske
Thu. Victor Lamarque

Saturday, October 26th, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Sr., Patrick Keena Jr., Marie Guarino,
 Carol Gulitti, James Ruggiero, Frances Smith

Sunday, Oct. 27th, 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Mickae Ciampi, Teresa Aufiero, Jack Reilly, Domenick Costagliola, Regina Kirk, Vilma Diaz
11:30 AM Joan O'Hanlon

Remembering Our Sick

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

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

Phil Graziuse	Peggy Grieco
Doreen Hau	Jeanne Marie Malley
Santamaria family	Richard Zak

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

Scripture Readings for October 27, 2019



+ Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
 + 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 + Luke 18:9-14

Autumn Unfolds

by Father Michael

The temperature is dropping, days of sunlight are growing shorter, and trees are becoming vibrant with autumn colors. All these workings of Mother Nature remind us that we are in a transitional season heading towards the days of winter. I enjoy all the experiences that are part of living in a region that includes four distinct seasons. I hope you, too, find joy in all that the season offers.

One of my favorite autumn tasks is to make sure I am well stocked in firewood at the house. I finished splitting the last of the logs about a month ago. Now, it is neatly stacked and ready to go. Honestly, I probably have about three seasons worth of wood available. I don't use much at all during the course of the winter, but I am stocked up, just in case. Maybe, could this become a fundraiser for the parish? Some monks and religious communities make jelly, others print up greeting cards, still others bake bread. Maybe we could bundle and sell Holy Cross kindling and yule logs!

Training for new altar servers is well underway. Within the next few weeks you should see seven of our young parishioners begin to serve in this ministry. I am truly grateful for the help they offer in celebrating the Eucharist. And, I think for all of us, it is a blessing to see their enthusiasm and willingness to serve the Church at such a young age. My Church career began in the same way. I was a faithful altar server for many years. Although, there was a perk in altar serving when you attended a Catholic school. Sometimes you were pulled out of class to serve at a funeral Mass. I did not object to missing math for the sake of this holy ministry.

Over the last few weeks there has been extensive work going on in our bell tower and in the service "shed" in back of the Parish Office. Verizon is updating and switching out much of the equipment. I suppose this needs to be done on a fairly frequent basis to keep up with the technology. It is remarkable to see the complexity of all that is involved. If you recall, several years ago we entered into a lease with Verizon to rent our bell tower and turn it into a cell tower. This agreement has worked well so far. There is no negative impact to life in the parish, and we benefit by receiving over \$2,600 a month in rent. They just need to patch up the torn screens at the top of the tower to keep our friendly pigeons out.

This Friday we look forward to another fun/social event here at Holy Cross. There is a Halloween Party being offered to our young people in grades 5–8 in our Religious Education program. This is a new offering (as was our Fall Festival) for the parish. I am most grateful to our Coordinator of Religious Education, Tricia Clarke, for her creativity and imagination in offering these opportunities. We are also appreciative to the many helping hands that bring an event like this to fruition.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance. This year our Liturgy will be celebrated on the:



Feast of All Souls
Saturday, November 2nd
9:00AM in the Worship Center

We hope as many people as possible are able to join us for this special Mass, which celebrates your loved one's place in the **Communion of Saints**. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:
You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

PARISH OUTREACH

“BEING CHRIST”

“COME TO ME ALL OF YOU WHO ARE BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST...”

These comforting words greet all who enter the doors of Holy Cross Church. They are the foundation of the mission of Parish Outreach, which is to “Be Christ” to those who are burdened by serious illness, financial instability, loss of a job and other crisis situations. Our ability to do that is only possible through the giving spirit of the parishioners of Holy Cross. **We thank you so very much for your consistent support of Parish Outreach and its programs.**

As we draw near to the holiday season (the busiest time for Parish Outreach), we invite you to consider these suggestions on ways to join us in “Being Christ” for our neighbors who continue to struggle in their life journey.



1. Monetary “basket” donations (cash, check or supermarket gift cards) will be appreciated to help defray the expenses of our **Thanksgiving Basket Program**. You can mark your envelope “Thanksgiving” and drop it in the collection basket.



2. Volunteer shoppers are needed to purchase and package a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family. You will be given a menu/shopping list and gift cards to cover the cost. We anticipate about 60 baskets will be provided to families in our community this year. **If you would like to do a basket, you can sign up after any of the Masses on the weekend of Nov. 9/10 in the rear of the atrium.**



3. During last year’s winter, Outreach was able to provide 100 gallons of emergency oil to some households as a direct result of your generosity. If you would like to help keep a family warm this winter by making a donation, please mark “**Fuel Assistance**” on your envelope.



4. Participate in our **Christmas “Be An Angel” program**. Again this year, we will provide gift cards to the families Outreach assists throughout the year and gifts for several other agencies. This program will run from November 16th through December 8th. Future bulletins will contain important information on this year’s Christmas Angel program.

If you have questions about any of the above, please call the Outreach office. We sincerely appreciate the support we continuously receive from our parishioners. **We are truly blessed with a loving and generous community!**

LITURGY

Liturgy Crew will meet Tuesday, October 29th, at 7 PM
in the Conference Room to delve into Advent and Christmas plans.



If you are interested in joining us, please
contact Michele Hahn at:
mhahnholycross11@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catechism

Thank you to all the families who have re-registered their children in our program. We still have families who have not signed up. If you still need to register, please do so as soon as possible. Classes have been formed and we cannot guarantee your child a placement if we do not have your registration form.

Levels 1 through 7 will begin classes the week of October 21st. Level 8 will begin classes the week of November 4th. All Level 8 Catechists, parents and students are invited to a meeting at the end of October which will outline the Level 8 year and where students and parents will receive books and an information packet. Letters have been sent through the mail with the meeting dates and times, and emails will be sent the week before.

We are still in need of Catechists. If you think God is calling you to the ministry of faith formation, please call the Religious Education Office ASAP! Thank you for considering sharing your faith with the children and young people of our parish.



Halloween Party



Parish of the Holy Cross

Friday, October 25th - 7pm to 9pm

Levels 5 through 8

Costumes Required

Come join us for the Monster Mash

And

Some SPOOKY fun and games!!

RSVP: 631-265-2200 or hereled@optonline.net



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 one of those questions above, then you **MUST** check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group**! You will be glad you did! 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 youth events! Take a look:

- **Sunday, October 20:** We will have a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM in the atrium. Come join us!
- **Sunday, October 27:** Join us for a fun and easy night at our Halloween Party from 6 to 8PM in the atrium!

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 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 Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Every three years, the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMC) requests financial help to provide pastoral care for over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals.



The AMC receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military in support of their effort to provide this care. If you would like to assist them, there is more information including envelopes on the bulletin table in the atrium.

Thank you for your consideration to this important cause!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



Attention: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Let us know if you would like to continue in your ministry for the 2019-2020 Liturgical Year and, also, if you would like to serve on Holy Days. Your dedication to the ministry is most appreciated by the Parish. Please complete the form below and place in the Sunday collection basket or return to the Parish Office by October 20th. Also, please let us know if you are a "snow bird" and need to be taken off the schedule for a period of time. **If at any other time during the year you need to stop your service, please contact the Parish Office.**

RECOMMITMENT

I wish to continue in my ministry for the 2019-2020 year.

YES _____ NO _____ I understand I may return to my ministry at any time once I have informed the Parish Office.

I am an: **Altar Server, Lector, Usher, Extraordinary Minister**

Preferred Masses _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please ✓ if you are an EM and you would like to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

&

Are you available to minister on Holy Days?

(Solemnity of Mary, Ascension Thursday, Assumption, Immaculate Conception)

YES _____ NO _____

CASH CALENDAR



*Parish of the Holy Cross
October 2019*



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 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50
27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	31 \$500	\$10 PER CHANCE ~ 31 CHANCES TO WIN. \$50 PER DAY ~\$500 ON OCTOBER 31 ~HALLOWEEN	

Cash Calendar, OCTOBER 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20th	1 PM
• BAPTISMS	Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
Monday, October 21st	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	Atrium
Tuesday, October 22nd	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, October 23rd	1:15 PM
• AWAKENING FAITH	Atrium/Chapel
• ALTAR SERVER TRAINING	4:30PM Worship Area
• JOURNEY WITH JESUS	7PM Atrium/Chapel
Friday, October 25th	7 - 9 PM
• HALLOWEEN PARTY	Atrium
Sunday, October 27th	10:30 AM
• PRAY THE ROSARY	Chapel
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join us as we pray the Rosary in the Chapel at 10:30AM on the last Sunday of each month! We will pray for our friends and loved ones who have fallen away from the Church. Join us on Sunday, October 27th!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Women's Breakfast Magnificat-Suffolk County, NY Mary Undoer of Knots

Please come and join us for a morning of praise, worship, and healing, as our Speaker, Maria McCormick, will share about her conversion and how the Lord called her personally to "Get out of the boat" and follow Him more deeply in her personal life and ministry. She and her husband, Sean, have been involved in the Long Island Retrouvaille community for 11 years and are currently the coordinators of the program.

Maria experienced a deeper personal conversion through Retrouvaille and a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the local Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women of which she has been a part for many years. In addition to local opportunities to share her faith, Maria has connected with Forever Changed International-- a non-profit that runs a ministry to orphans in Guatemala.

Maria will share how the Lord called her and her husband to respond and enter the uncharted waters of a course set for them by the Holy Spirit.

The breakfast will be held at the Swan Lake Club in Manorville, Saturday, November 9, 9:30AM-12:30 PM. Tickets are \$30 pp. Contact Bernadette Gorycki at 631-399-1949 or at bgorycki@optonline.net to register.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for **World Missions**. Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call to be Christ's Church on mission in the world. Let us respond to that call, through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions—places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence...in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom...in Oceania where peoples' livelihoods are threatened by climate change...and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time.*

*Next weekend, we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.*

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