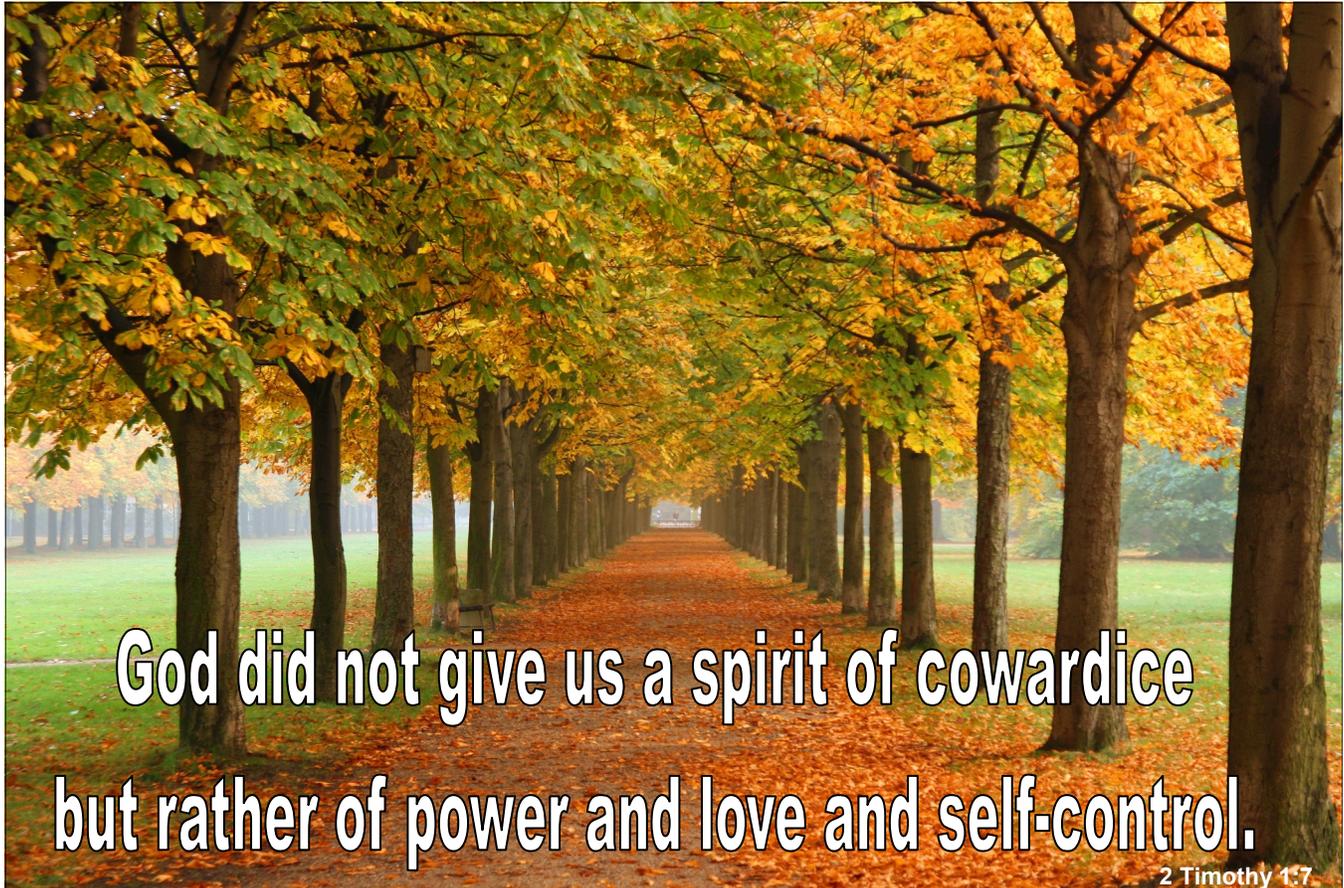


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God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

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**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 6, 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.*

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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.

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### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### October 12th/13th

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

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of October 6th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Henri-Robert Lamarque  
**Tue.** Bob Lukas  
**Wed.** Frank Latorre  
**Thu.** Joseph Cappiello

#### Saturday, October 12th, 5 PM Mass

Louis Forero, Chris Barry, Denise Lamarque, Joan O'Hanlon, Helen T. Duffy, Nicholas DeSantis

#### Sunday, Oct. 13th, 28th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** David Fass  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Gaetana DiMondo, Tom Garske, Helen Kacperski, Trudy Renken-VanDeinse, Brian Kenney

### 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:

<b>George V. Daly</b>	<b>Phil Graziose</b>
<b>Peggy Grieco</b>	<b>Doreen Hau</b>
<b>Santamaria family</b>	<b>Marlene Starr</b>
<b>Lisa Tauger</b>	

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](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

### Scripture Readings for October 13, 2019



+ 2 Kings 5:14-17  
 + 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
 + Luke 17:11-19

# Holy Memories

*by Father Michael*

Last week I took my annual retreat in the form of a long weekend. I returned to a place that is near and dear to me, New Mexico. It was during the late 90s when I first visited that state, which is known as the Land of Enchantment. During that time I participated in several men's retreats. Looking back over my life, I would identify those retreats as among the most spiritually significant moments of my life. While I had many prayerful experiences during my years of formation at the seminary, there was something special about those weeks in New Mexico that powerfully grounded me in understanding God's grace and presence in my life.

I was surprised at how much of my time in prayer this past weekend was connected to my retreat experiences of 25 years ago. Geographically, I was not in the same place, but nonetheless I was reminded of those earlier holy days. It was more subtle details where I made the connection. New Mexico has a distinctive and lovely aroma that can often be detected. It is actually the smell of pinyon trees which are native to that region. (New Mexico is one of the few places in the world where pine nuts or pignolias grow naturally). Time and time again the simple act of breathing in reminded me of holy days. We have all seen blue skies. But, there is something about the blue of a New Mexico sky that is unique. Sometimes it is contrasted with a ridge of orange rocks which makes it even more brilliant. But, sometimes it is just a blue sky. Simply looking up became a rich blessing for me.

I visited a few little areas that I had never been to before. One was more beautiful than the next. The two that stood out the most were Tent Rocks and El Malpais, both of which are National Monuments. These are places where God's handiwork is extraordinary. As gorgeous as the terrain and views were, what struck me even more powerfully was the silence. There is an old line from the spiritual world that identifies silence as God's first language. I have no doubt that to be true. From the moment I stepped out of the rental car, God was shouting to me in holy silence. I was also blessed that in both of these places, I was able to experience them in solitude. Although they are public attractions, for the time I was there I was blessed with being the sole visitor. (By the way, don't tell Alamo that I took their rental car on a dirt road. That is a no-no.)

I realize experiences like this are not available to everyone because of constraints of time, finances or physical ability. I am privileged in this regard. What I must do with moments like this is to not keep them as personal memories, but rather allow them to form who I am. I don't know exactly how, but I pray that through my preaching, my prayer, the way in which I serve as a priest, others may benefit from what I have received. I pray I can pass along the grace of those moments in my ministry.

It was a blessing to be away. But, it is a blessing to be back and do what I have been called to do.

# PARISH NEWS



## Pray for Our Military

PFC Anna Brady  
Cpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
SA Anthony J. DeNicola  
FC2 Lane Dyar  
SSG Daniel Frost  
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA  
WO Christopher Kaminsky  
Sgt. Michael J. Knipper, USMC  
SSGT Ryan Mauldin  
Lt. Ryan Montvydas  
IT1 Jason Mulderig  
LCpl. Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2019. Please let us know at any time during 2019 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2020.

May God bless all who serve our nation.  
Pray for Peace!

## Anointing of the Sick

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 will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass this Sunday, October 6th.



*Holy Cross welcomes  
these children  
Baptized in  
September:*

**Penelope Cannone  
Vincent James Chimento  
Aubrey Elisabeth Dean  
Parker Kenneth Dean  
Melanie Grace Hofmann  
Harleigh Brooklyn Kelly  
Bryson Alexander McAvoy  
Tomas Andre Policarpo**

*The Bread and Wine for  
the week October 6th-12th  
have been donated  
in loving memory of  
Dorothy & Harold Kohler  
by the Kohler family.*



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in September:

*Michael E. Forde  
Dolores Pasqua  
Frank P. D'Annunzio  
Joan O'Hanlon  
Robert D. Lukas  
Nicholas J. DeSantis*

May they rest in peace,  
and may their loved ones be consoled.

# LITURGY BYTES



## *Thought for the week:*

Can you name an hour of your life that can do for you, what this one hour does each week?

Continuing with our little series about the Liturgy, let's look at one of my favorite things and that is music. After all, St. Augustine tells us "singing is praying twice!" The beauty of lifting our voices to God in praise and worship also enhances our participation. Remember: Augustine didn't say we had to be able to carry a tune!!

Some of us recall when music at Mass was more formal and classical. As we, the assembly, have been brought more and more into the singing, there has been a shift to music more suitable and singable in terms of range and melody. Like the spoken word and action, music intensifies the message and, like silence, sustains the meaning. Most parishes have ministers of music who lead us, direct and guide us at the appropriate times to join in. We need to attempt to respond and be the "choir."

Next, it is helpful, if we choose, to reflect further on some questions regarding the liturgical music we hear at Mass: besides focusing on the content of the lyrics, but also on the style of the song and the experience of singing it together. One might think further, what does this tell us about our world, our lives, and most importantly our God and being God's people? Did you ever think the music we hear and sing at Mass would invoke such questions? It expresses to me how important it is, coupled with listening to God's Word from Scripture, and being aware that many hymns are scripturally based, and so we not only hear God's Sacred Word, we also are singing it! It is also important to realize that singing is an essential and privileged element of the Mass. It is not to be isolated, it is meant to serve, but not dominate.

We are blessed here at Holy Cross with a musical style that enhances the liturgy and heightens the participation of the assembly throughout the liturgical seasons of the Church year. Let's embrace our call to be a people summoned by God's Word, nourished by the Eucharist and sent forth to be dynamic missionary disciples who sing!

If you are interested or wish to learn more, please email me at: [mhahnholycross11@gmail.com](mailto:mhahnholycross11@gmail.com). Have a blessed week~~~~~Michele Hahn

# RCIA

***Are you seeking Baptism? Are you a baptized Catholic who never celebrated First Communion and Confirmation? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith and now desire to become Catholic?***



**RCIA**

If your answer is "YES" to any of these questions, we want to hear from you. The Church gives us a beautiful process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who seek to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. This year's RCIA will be starting soon. If you're interested and would like additional information, please contact Jude Pickel at 631-265-2200 x116.

# HELP NEEDED!

## Altar Servers Needed!

***Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?***

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to trainings and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the 3 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. Training will be held from 4:30 to 5:30PM on 3 consecutive Wednesday afternoons on the following dates: October 9, 16 & 23. Please call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x 122 to register. Thank you!



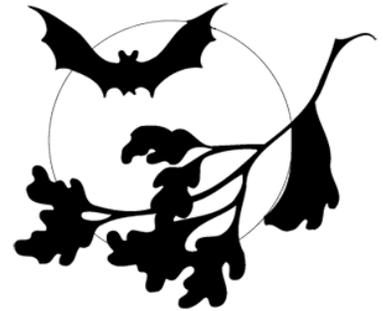
## Community Vegetable Garden—Help Needed!

Our vegetable garden provides wholesome vegetables for those seeking assistance from Parish Outreach. As we close out the season, we will have a **vegetable garden clean-up day** to prepare the garden for the winter/next year.



If you enjoy gardening or are looking for community service hours for school, join us for our clean-up day on **Saturday, October 12th, from 8AM to 10AM**. Please bring rakes, shovels, work gloves, etc. All are welcome! We need your help!

# Halloween Dance



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# 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 some pictures from our last Youth Group meeting on September 29th! We discussed the miracles of Jesus as well as the miracles in our own lives.



And, here are our upcoming youth events!  
Take a look:

**Sunday, October 6:** The Youth Group will be having a fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM! All new 9th graders who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this September are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

**We will not be meeting Columbus Day weekend.**

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](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Thank you!

# 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 on or before 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### Are you available to minister on Holy Days?

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

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

# CASH CALENDAR



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October 2019



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