## The Parish of the Holy Cross

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# **LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

## **Come and pray with us!**

### **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 10, 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!

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### Scripture Readings for November 17, 2019

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Ban<u>ns of Marriage-First Time</u> Alexis Spinelli & Taylor Gilbert Third Time Jacqueline Kwarta & Thomas Drapala

11:30 AM People of the Parish

Sypytkowska, Mickae Ciampi, Teresa

Aufiero, Mary Bulik, Tony Agostino

# **Thank You for Your Service**

by Father Michael

On Monday our nation remembers all who have dedicated a portion of their lives to military service. There are many who carry physical and emotional scars from their duty. We are grateful to all those who have given so generously so that we may enjoy the freedoms we do. We continue to pray for those who currently serve both in active duty as well as reserve. And, we continue to pray for a more peaceful world which is free from the threats of war, terrorism and violence. Thank you to all who have served our nation.

This past Wednesday would have been my Mom's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. I visited the cemetery, and I had a nice little dinner with a few friends. While I certainly miss her presence, I am not overwhelmed with a sense of sadness. She lived a good life, and her final years included more than a few struggles. I live with fond memories and a sense of peace believing she is now with the Lord. For many years we would celebrate her birthday by flying out to Vegas for a few days. She enjoyed spending a few hours on a slot machine. We would take side trips to the many beautiful areas of nature that surround that area. We would also catch a show or two. One year we saw Wayne Newton. During his opening number he wandered through the audience to welcome his guests. He came to the table where Mom and I were seated. If we had been in opposite seats, she would have gotten a kiss from Wayne. Instead, I got a handshake. Nonetheless, lots of happy memories.

This year will end up setting a record for the fewest number of weddings here at Holy Cross since the inception of the parish—only 7. However, 2020 will have more weddings than any other year since I have been here; so far there are 18 scheduled. I have no idea why there would be such a variation in the numbers. All parishes have seen a significant drop in weddings over the past 20 years. There are a variety of reasons for the change. Today, many couples want to have both the wedding and the reception at the same venue. Destination weddings have also become popular. A new trend is that couples ask a family member or friend to officiate at their ceremony. Unfortunately, for many young people their connection to the Church is not strong. When a moment like this comes along, their first inclination is not necessarily to go to the Church. We continue to welcome all parishioners who seek to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage here at Holy Cross.

Next weekend I am scheduled to celebrate all the Masses. Much of my homily time will be devoted to a "State of the Parish" address. I want to keep everyone updated on details of parish life like attendance, finances, parish activities and ministries. If all works well, we will be able to do a "show and tell" presentation with our TV screens.

## PARISH OUTREACH

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT TOGETHER A THANKSGIVING BASKET FOR AN OUTREACH FAMILY? SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND!



Any parishioner interested in participating in our Thanksgiving Basket program can sign up after all the Masses this weekend. Please note that you must be able to bring in the Thanksgiving Basket on Monday, November 25th, between 7AM and 11:30AM when we have volunteers available to receive them.

Each volunteer shopper will be responsible for **<u>buying and packaging the food</u>**, and will be given the menu, shopping list and supermarket gift cards to cover the cost.

The <u>completed baskets</u> will be brought to the Parish Center on Monday, November 25th, between 7:00AM and 11:30AM.

If you are unable to do a basket, but would still like to support this program, donations of money or supermarket gift cards will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes marked "Thanksgiving" can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.

We are grateful for anything you can do to make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."

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I am an:	Altar Server	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	Lector	•

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I would like t	o serve at Mass:	Christmas Eve	4PM	6PM	10PM
		Christmas Day	8AM	10AM	12Noon





Begin Thanksgiving day with your parish family at the 9 AM Mass.



Please bring a food item from your table for a blessing. Each family will receive bread that will be blessed to take home.

Assist Parish Outreach to replenish the pantry with any of the following items:

Coffee, tea, spaghetti, gravy, tuna, pudding and cookies.

## PARISH OUTREACH

### **Christmas Angels Coming Soon!**

Next weekend, November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the first weekend of our Outreach Parish Christmas Project. We are once again requesting **gift cards** to local stores (i.e., Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need.

As you may know we have also helped the following agencies for the last several years and will continue to do so this Christmas:

**Olsen's Rest Home** is a neighborhood facility for frail elderly on Gibbs Pond Road. Residents of the home have always been considered members of our parish community. Holy Cross ministers to our friends at Olsen's in a variety of ways during the year.

**Mercy Haven** is a provider of housing and other services for persons who are elderly, those living with mental illness, those families who are on limited income and those with special needs.

**Pronto** is a human service agency located in Brentwood helping people in need with food, clothing and other basic necessities. They assist approximately 500 families for the holidays each year.

Talbot House Chemical Dependency Crisis Center is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide short-term, medically monitored, inpatient withdrawal services to adult men and women who are in crisis. This facility provides nourishing meals, counseling, limited transportation, support groups, and referrals.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS ON WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

### PRE-ORDER YOUR DECORATED WREATHS & LOG CENTERPIECES

This year the Fundraising Committee will be selling pre-decorated wreaths and "new this year" log centerpieces.

The outside diameter of the wreath will measure between 18-21 inches and will be double-sided.





The log centerpieces are perfect for your holiday table and are also decorated with greens, a 10 inch candle and ornaments.

Wreaths will be priced at \$25 each. Log centerpieces will be priced at \$25 each.

Pre-orders and payment must be received by November 17th. Pick-up is Saturday, December 7th, from 9am to 12noon.

Please drop forms and payment at the Cash Calendar table after or before Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting our fundraiser!

\* Please fill out the form below and enclose your payment (cash or \* check). Checks can be made out to **Parish of the Holy Cross**.

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# **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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 guestions 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.

### On October 27th, we gathered for a Halloween Escape Room! Here are some pictures of our fun Youth Night.









And, on November 3rd, the title of our Youth Night was "Shattered." We spoke about our need for Jesus and His ability to transform our lives!



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Here are our upcoming events:

- November 9/10: Veterans' Day Weekend—No Youth Group meeting
- Saturday, November 16: Youth Group trip to NYC!

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!



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor."

-Pope Francis

### This Veterans Day, Help us Support A Place to Call Home

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn't maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities' *Project Veterans' Independence*, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

### "I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around."

- Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

#### Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

To make a donation, you can also visit <u>https://www.drvc.org/CMA</u> or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.** 

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Name	Down payment:	\$
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# CASH CALENDAR



Parísh of the Holy Cross November 2019



Sun	Mon			Thu	Fri	Sat
\$10 PER CHANCE	30 CHANCES TO WIN	\$50 PER DAY	\$500 on NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY	<b>1</b> \$50	<b>2</b> \$50
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## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Saturday, November 9th	5 PM
• THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGNUP	Atrium
Sunday, November 10th	All Masses
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Tuesday, November 12th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 2 PARENT MTG. 10:30AM or 7PM	Wor. Ar./Atr.
Wednesday, November 13th	1:15 PM
AWAKENING FAITH	Atrium/Chapel
• JOURNEY WITH JESUS 7PM	Atrium/Chapel
Thursday, November 14th	7 PM
• RCIA	Sacristy
Saturday, November 16th	5 PM
• LEVEL 8 COVENANTS DUE	Worship Area
Sunday, November 17th	All Masses
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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Branch Funeral Home is sponsoring two **Bereavement Programs:** 

- Coping with the Holidays After the Loss of a Loved One on Saturday, November 16th
- Holiday Visit to Calverton National Cemetery on Tuesday, December 10th

For more information, please contact them at 631-724-9500.

## REMINDERS

### **Special Collection**

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!



### **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.



## **ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES**

Every three years, the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) 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 AMS 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!



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