

The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!

“WATCH OUT that you are NOT DECEIVED.
For many will come in my name, claiming,
'I AM HE,' and, 'THE TIME IS NEAR.'
DO NOT FOLLOW THEM.”

Luke 21:8

Come and pray with us!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 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)

PASTORAL TEAM

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 Pastoral Minister

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 Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Michele Hahn
 Pastoral Associate

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



November 23rd/24th

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

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of November 17th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Thomas Kearnes
Tue. Concetta Brady
Wed. William Erdmann
Thu. Joseph Singleton

Saturday, November 23rd, 5 PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Bobby Kieley, Nell Cangiano,
 Dolores Pasqua, Anthony Miraglia, Maria Eannacone,
 Ercole Ricciardi, Billy Joe Maynard

Sunday, November 24th, Christ the King

8:00 AM Anne Geisel
9:30 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Victor Lamarque, Nicholas Svercel,
 Tessie Reveliotis, Stacy Tilker, Rita
 Wilkins, Matthew Corapi, Eleanora
 Trovato

Remembering Our Sick

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

George V. Daly	Vincent Gallo
Phil Graziose	Peggy Grieco
Doreen Hau	Santamaria family
Marlene Starr	

Scripture Readings for November 24, 2019



+ 2 Samuel 5:1-3
 + Colossians 1:12-20
 + Luke 23:35-43



Banns of Marriage-Second Time

Alexis Spinelli & Taylor Gilbert

The Gray Days of November

by Father Michael

As I write this article on Monday, we are anticipating the first blast of a wintery mix. I tend not to complain when winter weather comes along, but I would prefer that we actually wait until winter arrives before we start dealing with snowplowing and ice melt. Last year Mother Nature was very kind to our budget. We only had to pay for snow removal twice. This is an early indication that it may be a different winter than last year.

I don't know if it's the cooler weather or what, but the deer just keep hanging around the parish house. For a while there was a family of three that always traveled together. More recently it is a large buck that I see more often. I'm amazed how they find the resources to survive once we move into the colder months, but they seem to know what they are doing.

This week the Travel Club is going on an overnight jaunt. Our motorcoach is meeting us early Wednesday morning. We are heading east and taking the Cross Sound Ferry from Orient Point. Once we arrive in Connecticut, we continue heading east with our destination being Newport, Rhode Island. We will tour a couple of the mansions and, if weather and sunlight cooperate, take a walk along the famous Cliff Walk. Rumor has it, things may even be decorated for Christmas by the time we get there. We will have dinner at a waterfront restaurant. On Thursday after breakfast we drive back to Connecticut to the Goodspeed Opera House to see a matinee performance of Billy Elliott. I always regret missing that show when it was on Broadway. After the performance, we drive back home. I'm looking forward to a little road trip with 45 of my closest friends.

Next weekend we ask all Liturgical Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Lectors) to please stay behind after Mass for a few minutes. Christmas is an "all hands on deck" celebration. We want to make sure we are in good shape for what we need to do so that this important solemnity can be as organized as possible.

If you attend the 11:30 Mass and are able to stay a few minutes after Mass next weekend, your help is needed. We need to replace the current song books with the new edition. Although it is a pretty big task, the last few years we got everything done in about 15 minutes. Thank you if you are able to stay for a few minutes to lend a helping hand. Also, if anyone is able to take a box or two of the old books home to put out on recycling day, it saves room in our dumpster and it is more user friendly to our environment.

Put on a happy face even if these days are a little gray and dreary.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

*Liturgical Ministers' Gathering
After all Masses on the
Weekend of November 23rd, 24th*



Please join Fr. Michael for a brief gathering in the Atrium following each of the Masses.

We would like to plan for Christmas!

Also, we are inviting each of YOU to assist us with a new communication project.

All details will be given at this gathering.

God bless each of you for your generosity in *Serving the People of God* of this wonderful parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN-UP

We know it seems early, but we are starting to plan for the Christmas schedule.

Would you like to serve at a Christmas Mass? Please circle your choices and drop in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office by **November 17th**.



Name: _____

I am an: Altar Server Eucharistic Minister Usher Lector

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

PARISH OUTREACH

BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS!

ANGEL TAGS are available this weekend in the baskets on the small marble pillars on the Altar.

Once again we are requesting gift cards for both clothing and toys for the households in our area that Outreach assists.

Therefore, the **BLUE** angel tags have requests for a store gift card on them. We encourage you to consider providing a holiday gift card so that our neighbors are able to purchase the items that best fulfill their family's needs. When you purchase a gift card, please put it in an envelope and place it in the Gift Box on the table near our Angel sign. Gift cards do not need to be wrapped.

PLEASE BE SURE THE AMOUNT IS NOTED ON THE GIFT CARD OR ENVELOPE. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED SO PARISH OUTREACH CAN DISTRIBUTE THE CARDS EQUALLY. (Remember: Gift cards need to be activated at the store register.)

The Angel tags are coded as follows:

- BLUE:** Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program
- RED:** Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home
- PURPLE:** Talbot House, the Catholic Charities crisis center for those struggling with addiction
- GREEN:** Toys for children in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto
- ORANGE:** Mercy Haven, an organization that provides community residence housing for those living with mental illness
- PINK:** Supermarket cards to enable a family to have a special meal

If you choose a tag listing a gift item for Olsen's or Mercy Haven (red or orange), please wrap and attach the angel to the top of the package. Items for Pronto and Talbot (green or purple) do not need to be wrapped. Gifts and gift cards can be returned for the next 3 weekends.

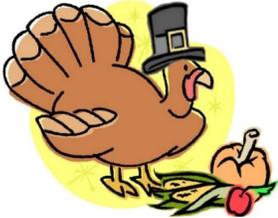
PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, Dec. 8th is the last day to return gifts and gift cards.

Many thanks to our Holy Cross Angels who give so generously each year to make our Angel program successful!!



PARISH OUTREACH

Monetary Donations in Support of the Outreach Thanksgiving Project



Cash, Check or Supermarket Gift Cards are greatly appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Thanksgiving Basket program. You can mark your envelope “**Thanksgiving**” and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Outreach office. We thank you for your continuing support of our Outreach ministry.

*Parish of the Holy Cross
Invites You and Your Family to Celebrate*
THANKSGIVING



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.***

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO PRE-ORDER YOUR WREATH & CENTERPIECE!

This year the Fundraising Committee is 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.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Price</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
Wreath	_____	x	\$25	=	\$ _____
Centerpiece	_____	x	\$25	=	\$ _____

\$ _____ TOTAL



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 events:

- **November 24:** Join us for a fun Youth Night 6-8PM as we celebrate with a Thanksgiving Feast! All our alumni are invited!
- **December 1:** No Youth Group meeting because it's Thanksgiving 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 or call the parish office. Thank you!

PRAY FOR HEALING

A 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

KUDOS CORNER by Religious Ed

A big **THANK YOU** to our
Level 3 and Level 6
Students and their Catechists for
a job well done in hosting
Hospitality Sunday
on November 10th!

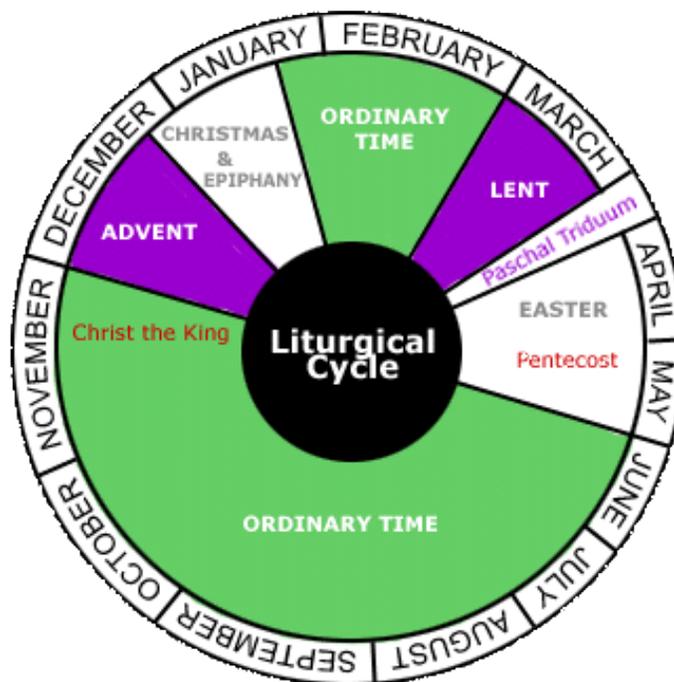
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John Hill
Clare Holland
Gianna Kamor
Brenna Kurka
Adelaide Maloney
Anthony Portillo
Jake Stoever

Level 6
Rosalinda Kamor
Brandon Beauchamp Garcia
Vanessa Kamor



LITURGY BYTES

Seasons & Calendar



As the Church's year draws to an end with the feast of Christ the King next weekend, we look ahead to a new season and the marking of time.

The seasons and time I am referring to are not connected to the weather seasons that most of us think about, but to the Church's way of helping us to remember the life of Jesus from the time he entered our world to when he ascended back to heaven and when he will come again.

LITURGY BYTES continued

Regarding the marking of time, I am sure everyone would agree that a calendar serves an important purpose in our lives, helping us to: be prepared, stay organized, and to remember important events in the lives of those we love.

The Church in her wisdom uses a calendar to mark the importance of the liturgical year which contains special seasons known as: Advent, Christmas, Winter Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, Easter and Ordinary time. We begin the new year on the first Sunday of Advent (this year: 11/30, 12/1) and conclude on the Feast of Christ the King. The Liturgical calendar tells us what readings the Church has designated to be used for each day. It also names the special feasts and the dates of remembrance for the saints. Aside from the readings, the liturgical calendar also determines the interior decoration of the Church and the priest's vestment colors.

What about those colors and their meaning? Purple is the color used for both Advent and Lent. It has a penitential tone so the priest will wear a purple stole when celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Red denotes sacrifice and is used for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, feasts of the apostles and martyrs. It is also worn on Pentecost and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, as a sign of the Holy Spirit. Green is used for Ordinary time and is a sign of hope, life and growth. Rose/pink are colors of anticipation and are used for the third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the fourth Sunday during Lent (Laetare Sunday). Last but not least, white/gold are the colors of joy and purity and are used during the Easter and Christmas seasons and on feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who were not martyred.

As we move through this Liturgical year, beginning with the weekend of November 30rd/December 1st, we will unpack some of the meanings and customs of these times and seasons of our lives as Catholic Christians. In the meantime, don't forget to say HAPPY NEW YEAR when we gather for the first weekend in Advent. Have a blessed week.

Michele Hahn

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Automated Giving through Automated Clearing House (ACH) Transactions

An ACH transaction is a paperless, electronic transfer from one bank to another.



If you have your paycheck automatically deposited to your savings or checking account directly from your employer's account, you are participating in an ACH transaction. If you are collecting a pension from a former employer, or are collecting Social Security benefits, your check is being directly deposited into your savings or checking account, and you, too, are participating in an ACH transaction. If you pay your mortgage, your LIPA, your telephone bill or any other bill by going on-line to your own bank account and instructing your bank to pay these bills out of your account, you are participating in an ACH transaction.

In all these examples, you have complete control of the amount that is withdrawn or deposited through the safeguards put in place by the banking industry and the Federal Government laws that govern that industry. You can instantaneously check your account summary on-line which is secure and private because of the use of passwords and security measures. No one has access to your account that you do not designate. At the end of the month you receive your bank statement in the mail for your review, or you can check on-line.

Automated Giving at Holy Cross came about in the following way. Our Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee studied **Automated Giving** as it related to parishioner contributions. We listened to presentations at the parish from companies that handled this entirely for the parish, and from our own local bank that would set it up for us to handle ourselves. After thorough research and debate in all the committees, a unanimous decision to proceed with Automated Giving with the Bank of Smithtown (now People's United Bank) was presented to the Pastoral Team.

The set-up process is through our Business Manager, who has the **sole responsibility** for the initial set up and ongoing transactions of automated giving in which parishioners may elect to participate. Total confidentiality is observed at each step. So, at this time, the Parish of the Holy Cross is offering this **option** to you. Please know you do not have to change your manner of giving. But if you choose:

This means you have the option of giving your weekly contribution to the parish by filling out the Automated Giving form on the next page, which designates your bank routing number and account number (found on the bottom of your check) and the amount you elect to give to Holy Cross on a bi-weekly or monthly basis.

Are there benefits to you?

- Reflecting on our personal Stewardship, we have the opportunity to give thought to the daily blessings we have received.
- You will never arrive at Church to discover you don't have your envelope.
- If you are unable to be present at Holy Cross because of inclement weather, a planned vacation or sickness, your contribution will still be offered as you had decided.

Are there benefits for the parish?

- The parish will be able to budget knowing what your annual gift of treasure will be.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara DeStefano at 631-265-2200 ext. 110.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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Please attach to this form a Voided Check if you've chosen a Checking Account or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if you have chosen a Savings Account.

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross has received written notification at least five business days in advance of the desired termination date.

(Signature) (Print Name) Date: _____

If second signature is required:

(Signature) (Print Name) Date: _____

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NOTES:

1. This form will be seen by the Business Manager only. You may mail it to the Parish Office or drop it off in a sealed envelope, attention Barbara DeStefano.
2. You can change amount of debit authorized or frequency by completing Form 1A, which is available on our website, pothc.org, under "Forms."
3. To Cancel authorization, you must fill out Cancellation of Authorization Form 1B
4. For any questions please call, or e-mail Barbara DeStefano at pothc@aol.com

PARISH OUTREACH

Homebound and Hospitalized

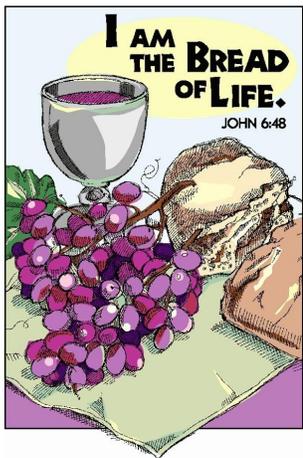
Are you, or someone you know in the parish, homebound or anticipating an operation or treatment for cancer? We in Holy Cross are eager to know in a more personal way our parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Often, we do not hear of a person's illness or inability to join us for Sunday Mass. Please call 265-2200 x113 or stop by the office to let Parish Outreach know of these parishioners who are so special to us. We really depend on you.



Parish Outreach sends cards, on behalf of our parish, to those who are ill or hospitalized. Our homebound folks receive friendly telephone calls by Outreach volunteers to keep up the connection and to assess ways the parish can be present to these loved parishioners. At Advent and Easter time a volunteer will visit them and bring a gift from the parish community. Eucharistic Ministers are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

These are some of the ways Holy Cross reaches out to the homebound and hospitalized. Please help us by contacting Parish Outreach or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone we can serve in their time of need.

YOU MAY WANT TO...



Consider a donation of Altar Bread and Wine for a week, especially if your request for a date for a Mass has been taken. Your special occasion or loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin.

Or, you may want to make a monetary donation to Holy Cross in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living. We now have a Book of Memorials and a Book of Honorees. Your donation will be used to purchase needed items for our church. Holy Cross has a practice of not engraving names on benches and other items, but your donation will be recorded in the appropriate book for all posterity.

Our Parish Outreach also accepts donations in memory or honor of someone and has lovely cards that you can send.

For more information, please visit or call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

CASH CALENDAR



Parish 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	1 \$50	2 \$50
3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50
10 \$50	11 \$500	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

Cash Calendar, NOVEMBER, 2019

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 16th	5 PM
• LEVEL 8 COVENANTS DUE	Worship Area
Sunday, November 17th	All Masses
• LEVEL 8 COVENANTS DUE	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area
Monday, November 18th	4 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	Atrium
Tuesday, November 19th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
Wednesday, November 20th	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
Thursday, November 21st	10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
Saturday, November 23rd	5 PM
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• LIT. MIN. RECOMMISSIONING	Worship Area
• LITURGICAL MINISTER MTG. After Mass	Worship Area
Sunday, November 24th	All Masses
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• LIT. MIN. RECOMMISSIONING	Worship Area
• LITURGICAL MINISTER MTG. After Masses	Worship Area
• PRAY THE ROSARY	10:30AM Chapel
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium

PARISH NEWS

Special Collection

*Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**.*

The CCHD allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Among the projects of the CCHD are: creating resilient communities, access to housing, and strong schools; building a just economy and protecting worker rights; economic empowerment of new businesses, jobs, and financial opportunity; reforming the criminal justice system; defending the rights of immigrants; protecting the environment; and expanding access to health care and empowering persons with disabilities.

Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of the most recent grants and annual report. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Senior Group

Our Holy Cross Senior Group is always looking for new members to join them for an afternoon of fun and socializing. You are invited to stop in and meet some new friends. The next meeting will be held in the atrium of the Church on Wednesday, November 20th from 11:30am to 2:30pm. We hope to see you there!



Fun for Seniors

Scripture Study

Join us for Scripture Study on Thursday, November 21st, at 10AM in the Father Joe Room!



Praying 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, November 24!





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