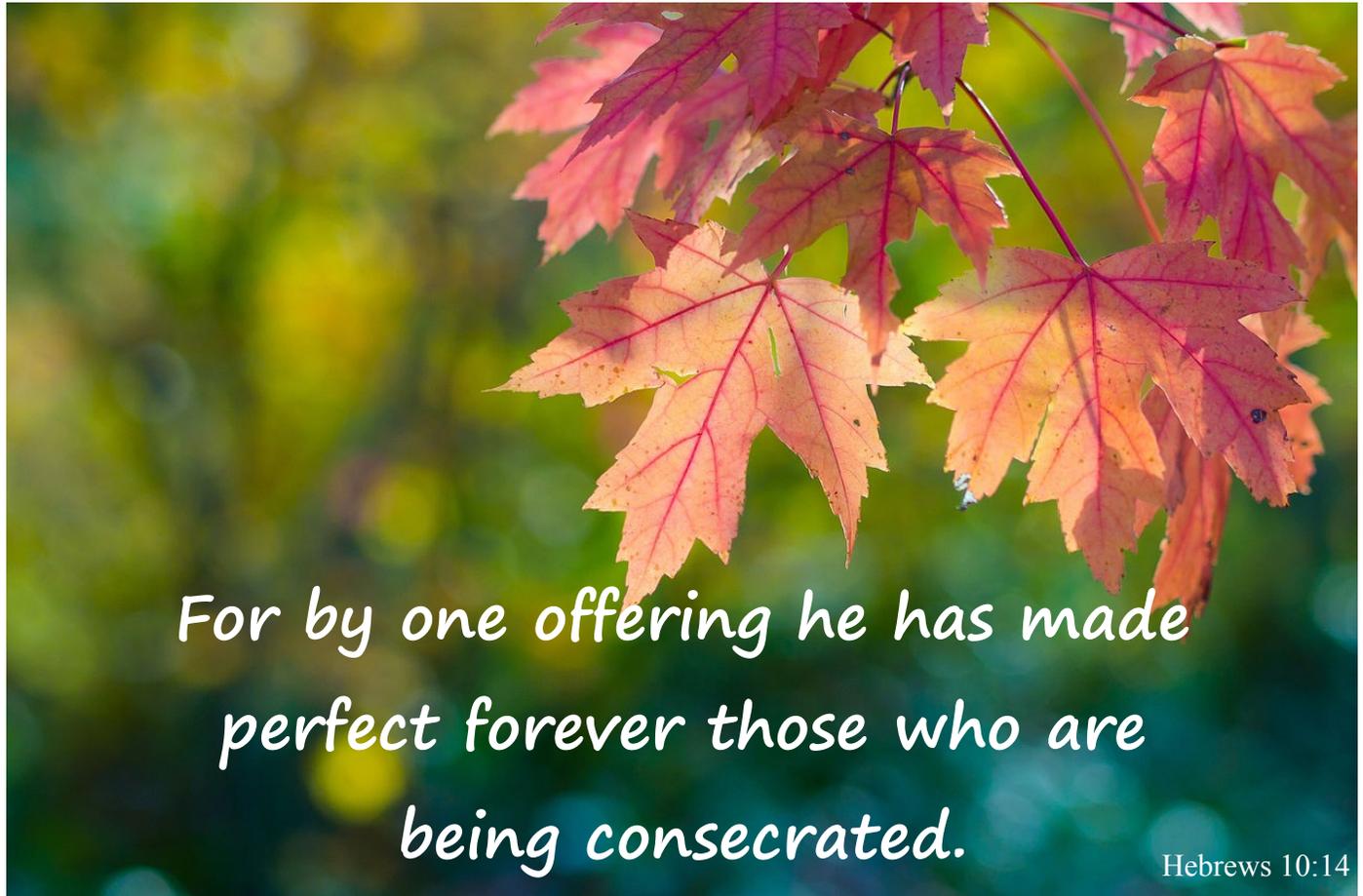


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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



*For by one offering he has made
perfect forever those who are
being consecrated.*

Hebrews 10:14

Come and pray with us!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 18, 2018

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.

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



November 24th/25th

5:00 PM	Fr. Michael
8:00 AM	Fr. Michael
9:30 AM	Fr. Kenan Peters
11:30 AM	Fr. Michael

Remembering Our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers:

Maria Conte	Joan DiCicco
Maryann League	Louise Martinelli
Annie Santamaria	

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of November 18th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Concetta Brady
Tue. Nicholas & Teresa Lamb
Wed. Ann Moschetti
Thu. People of the Parish

Saturday, November 24th, 5 PM Mass

Nancy Gallagher, Bobby Kieley, Nell Cangiano, Nora Gorman, Suzanne Gaetjens

Sunday, November 25th, Christ the King

8:00 AM Helen & Joseph Christian
9:30 AM Victor Lamarque, Ann & Cecil Wirth, Christopher Cotter, Robert Johnsen, John McGuire
11:30 AM People of the Parish

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. There is a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on Thursday, November 22nd, at 9AM.

Scripture Readings for November 25, 2018



+ *Daniel 7:13-14*
 + *Revelation 1:5-8*
 + *John 18:33-37*

The Grey Days of November

By Father Michael

There is something about November that feels gray. The colorful leaves of autumn have passed. The hours of daylight are few. And we have had more than our share of rainy days. It's all part of the ebb and flow of the passing of seasons. However, thoughts of Thanksgiving keep us on track.

Last weekend by our celebration of Veterans which took place at the 11:30 Mass was a touching experience. There were a few moments when I got a little teary eyed. It was a simple idea, but it took on a life of its own and became a very uplifting moment for all who were there. Thank you to Dave Ryder and Andy Bodor for organizing our Boys Scouts. Thank you to Christine Farrugia who organized our Girl Scouts. Our young people beautifully served as a color guard and assisted in distributing pins to all our Veterans. Tricia Clarke did a beautiful job in creating the picture display boards in the atrium. I am appreciative to Glen Beccarelli who organized the hospitality. We served up over 200 hot dogs; I'm sorry to those of you who were not able to get one. As Veterans day fell on a Sunday this year, it seemed appropriate to make a proper celebration of it at Mass. Moments like this help to bring life and energy to our community. Thank you to all who were part of it.

There is a staffing change to announce. Jerry Farrell has been working as our main custodian for the past three and a half years. He has served Holy Cross well through his dedication and hard work. We also appreciated his sense of humor and energetic spirit. We will miss him being part of our daily routine here at the parish. Thank you, Jerry, for all your good work. We welcome Roberto Maza who will be continuing that work. Also, Vinny Matula will continue in this work on a part time basis.

I am working on the details for two trips I will be offering through our Travel Club. The first will be to Niagara Falls, Toronto, and the 1,000 Islands. That will take place May 29 – June 4, 2019. The second trip will be from October 2- October 8, 2019. It will begin in Phoenix and end in Albuquerque to attend the annual Balloon Fiesta. I was hoping to have detailed information for both these trips to publish in the bulletin, but it will need to wait until our Information Meeting. However, that meeting will not take place until Tuesday, December 4. (Please disregard any early dates that I may have announced.) I would like to meet sooner but because of Thanksgiving and my annual retreat I need to push the meeting off for a few weeks. However, if you think you may be interested in the trip to Niagara Falls, please call the Parish Office and place your name on the list.

We have 5 new Altar Servers in training who should begin to serve in the beginning of December.

GRATEFUL STEWARDS

Holy Cross parishioners share their Gift of Treasure in many ways...



- *About 250 families use weekly envelopes to support the parish*
- *Some parishioners make one-time extraordinary donations*
- *Reaching our goal in the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal resulted in a rebate of \$14,176 to Holy Cross in 2017*
- *Over \$123,000 was raised in 2017-2018 through our RAMR collection*
- *A parishioner's bequest in his will resulted in a gift to Holy Cross of \$38,000 in 2017 and \$69,000 in 2018*
- *95 families now participate in automated giving*

Some of the ways Holy Cross made use of these Gifts of Treasure...



- *Parking lot repaved*
- *Pitched and flat roofs replaced*
- *Cost of living increases given to staff*
- *Loan on house and property paid off—Parish is debt-free!*
- *New headphones for hearing impaired*
- *Parking lot lights converted to energy-saving LED lights*
- *Major clean-up of parish house and grounds*
- *Leaking skylights in atrium replaced*
- *Funding provided for parish programs such as Outreach and Vacation Bible School*

Thank you!

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THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Wishing You a Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving Day!

Please join us at the 9AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd. It is a beautiful way to begin the day and to give thanks for all of our blessings. Father Michael will bless the bread you will be using at your Thanksgiving table. At that time, we will be collecting the following items for our Outreach Pantry: **coffee, Jell-O, pudding, soup, cookies, mayonnaise, cereal and crackers.**



FUNDRAISING

Christmas Wreath Sale



Our Annual Wreath Sale will be taking place on the weekend of **December 1st/2nd**. Each wreath will again be \$25 and can be purchased before or after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Blessing of Liturgical Ministers

All will be blessed and asked to recommit in their ministries during all Masses on the: **Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 24/25.**

- **Lectors**
- **Ushers**
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
- **Altar Servers**
- **Members of the Choir**



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 18th.

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

CHRISTMAS ANGELS



This weekend and next weekend, Angels will be available in the baskets on the Altar pillars. If you would like to help a needy family this Christmas, choose an Angel, purchase the item written on it and return by Sunday, December 2nd.

We are requesting gift cards to local stores (Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need. We are also requesting supermarket gift cards to enable each household to have a special holiday meal.

(Reminder: gift cards need to be activated at the register)

Some Angels are coded (orange, purple, green, red) for the agencies we reach out to each year (Mercy Haven, Talbot House, Pronto, Olsen's Rest Home). If you choose one of these Angels, place the Angel tag on top and return to the Atrium by December 2nd.

Note: Orange and Red tags (Mercy Haven and Olsen's) can be wrapped. There is no need to wrap the other gifts.

We thank you for the Spirit of Generosity you bring to our project each year.

Reminder: 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

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.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Coffee & Conversation

Do you enjoy learning more about your faith,
and sharing your questions and thoughts with others?

Would you like to grow in your relationship with God, and with one another?

Then, "**Coffee & Conversation**" on the **third Tuesday** of each month,
from **7:00 – 8:30 PM** in the atrium is for you!

Our evening consists of 3 parts:

- coffee (or tea) and dessert,
- a short DVD on a topic of life and faith,
- small group discussion.



Come (and join 40 parishioners already enrolled!) on **November 20**, at **7:00 PM**.
Space is limited, so please fill in the tear-off below and drop it in the collection basket or at
the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Jude Pickel at
631-265-2200 extension 16.

I would like to participate in "*Coffee & Conversation*" on November 20:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

HOLY CROSS TRAVEL CLUB

Niagara Falls – Toronto – 1,000 Islands May 29 – June 4, 2019

Highlights: Finger Lakes, Winery Tour, Strong Museum, Niagara Falls (Table Rock, Horseshoe Fall, Floral Clock, Hornblower Niagara Cruise), Dinner in the Skylon Tower, Toronto (Distillery District, St. Lawrence Market, Casa Loma), Cruise of the 1,000 Islands, Turning Stone Casino

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- * Call Parish Office if you are interested
- * Priority Given to Holy Cross Parishioners
- * **Valid U.S. Passport Required**

All pricing and itinerary will be finalized for our information meeting:

Information Meeting
Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:30 PM



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, 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 youth events! Take a look:

- **This weekend: The Youth Group will gather for a Sunday, 5PM Mass in the Chapel, and Thanksgiving Feast! The Youth Group will be recapping our wonderful retreat experience as well!**
- **Next weekend: There is no Youth Day/Night Event! The YG wants to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving! :-)**

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will be selling **CHRISTMAS MAGNETS** after all the Masses this weekend, November 17th/18th. Thank you for your support of our Church and other charities through this K of C fundraiser. Please support and join the Knights!

CASH CALENDAR



*Parish of the Holy Cross
Cash Calendar
November 2018*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 \$50	2 \$500	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	

\$10 PER CHANCE ~ 30 CHANCES TO WIN ~ \$50 EACH DAY ~ \$500 on November 2, ALL SOULS DAY

Cash Calendar, NOVEMBER, 2018

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 17th	5 PM Mass
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• K OF C CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE	Atrium
Sunday, November 18th	All Masses
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• K OF C CHRISTMAS MAGNET SALE	Atrium
• YOUTH MASS	5PM Chapel
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM Atrium
Tuesday, November 20th	10 AM
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 4:30-5:30PM	Worship Area
• COFFEE & CONVERSATION	7PM Atrium
Wednesday, November 21st	11:30AM-2:30PM
• SENIORS	Atrium
Thursday, November 22nd	9 AM
• THANKSGIVING MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.)</i>	
Friday, November 23rd	
<i>(The Parish Office is closed.)</i>	
Saturday, November 24th	5 PM Mass
• RECOMMISSIONING LIT. MINS.	Worship Area
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
Sunday, November 25th	All Masses
• RECOMMISSIONING LIT. MINS.	Worship Area
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• PRAY THE ROSARY	10:30AM Chapel
• BAPTISMS	1PM Worship Area

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development/Home Missions**. Donations to the CCHD enable communities to address the root causes of poverty and empowers them to find solutions. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



THANKSGIVING, THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM HOLIDAY

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The Pilgrims, who established the first Thanksgiving Day, were in search of the freedom to practice their faith, after being persecuted, arrested and fined for their form of Christianity. They fled England, then Holland, and finally set sail for America to find what the Governor of Plymouth, William Bradford, called “freedom of religion for all men.”

The 102 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower suffered 67 days of rough sailing before they landed at Plymouth Bay in November 1620. By March 1621, only 51 of the original 102 remained alive. Fortunately, some Native Americans taught the pilgrims survival skills and at the end of their first harvest, they decided to hold a feast of celebration and **thanksgiving to God** for their harvest, their newfound friends, and the **freedom to worship** as their hearts desired.

Now, almost 400 years later, let us reflect on the sacrifice of these brave souls who valued their freedom of religion above all security and comfort and have bequeathed to us this gift.

Proclamation: Thanksgiving Day 1789
 “I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. Our sincere and humble thanks.”
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