

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**



**Come and pray with us!**

**Christ the King Sunday – November 24, 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!

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

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### Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



#### November 30th/December 1st

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 November 24th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Muriel Ryan  
**Tue.** Irene Rodechko  
**Wed.** Debbie Mule  
**Thu.** People of the Parish

#### Saturday, November 30th, 5 PM Mass

Kathleen Bryan, Vincent DeStefano, Louis Italiano, Alec Ross, Joseph Canamare, Avelino Casas, Jacqueline Miller

#### Sunday, December 1st, First Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM** MaryJane & Harold Smith, Virginia Tyner, Maria Eannacone  
**9:30 AM** Ann & Cecil Wirth, Paul Christensen, Sister Marion Snow, Kathleen Keach, John McGuire  
**11:30 AM** People of the Parish

### 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	Lorraine Lombardo
Shirley Nocerino	Santamaria family
Marlene Starr	

### *Scripture Readings for December 1, 2019*



+ Isaiah 2:1-5  
 + Romans 13:11-14  
 + Matthew 24:37-44



### Banns of Marriage-Third Time

Alexis Spinelli & Taylor Gilbert

# Pass the Cranberry Sauce

*by Father Michael*

Needless to say, this Thursday is Thanksgiving. For the first time since I have been ordained, I will not be home to celebrate Thanksgiving Mass. This past summer, my sister moved from New Jersey to Tampa, Florida. I will be flying out on Thursday morning so that I can be with her family for their first Thanksgiving in their new home. I don't plan on doing this every year, but it worked out that I could make it this time, so I am taking advantage of the opportunity. I am leaving you in good hands; Father Frank will be here to celebrate our traditional Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM. I will be flying back on Saturday. (By the way, all Parish Offices are closed on both Thursday and Friday).

Since my Mom died, my siblings have found we need to make an effort to stay in touch with each other. My Mom was always the "common denominator" in terms of where we would gather. In the later years of her life we often needed to speak on the phone to keep each other updated if there were any medical issues or things going on in her life. And, now since my sister moved, we have even more miles between us. We need to make conscious efforts to reach out to one another to maintain those important family ties. I did not want to pass on this opportunity for me to be with my sister for the holiday.

For many, Thanksgiving is a great day for family fun and unity. If that is your experience on this happy day, count it as a blessing. For some, Thanksgiving can be a difficult day because of tension or discord within the family. If you are in that situation, pray for the wisdom of the Spirit to do what needs to be done or not done. Seeking true peace and harmony requires a discerning heart. Any need to be the one who is right, or in control, or to say "I told you so," will probably not lead you to experience much healing or new life. Offer to the Lord those parts of your family that need healing, and trust He will lead you where you need to go.

Don't get me started on one of my pet peeves of Thanksgiving Day. I find it troublesome when Thanksgiving is seen as the opening ceremony to a bonanza of retail shopping. Yes, it is nice to give well chosen gifts to loved ones. Yes, seeking good value in what we spend is a virtue. Yes, there are people whose livelihood is rooted in retail sales. Yes, I suppose in the right context shopping might even be a fun, family activity. But, something seems to go a little haywire and shopping takes on more of a life than is necessary. Imagine if everyone embraced a wave of praying, or acts of charity, or spending time with family in the same way. May Thanksgiving and those who are dear to you be a great blessing and source of joy.

Thank you to all of you who supported our Parish Outreach Thanksgiving Drive. Because of your generosity, over 50 baskets were made for families within our community. Gobble, gobble.

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.  
There is a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on Thursday, November 28th, at 9AM.

# ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

## *Liturgical Ministers' Gathering after all Masses this Weekend*



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.

## LITURGY BYTES - *Christ the King*

On the Church's calendar, this weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, more commonly known as the feast of Christ the King. For all you "liturgical nerds" LIKE ME, here are some facts about this special feast:

1. It is the final Sunday in the liturgical year, as next weekend we begin the season of Advent – a new year in the Church's calendar.
2. The feast of Christ the King began in 1925.
3. It was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, just before the feast of All Saints.
4. In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the feast giving its current name and moving it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.
5. Why this feast? The feast was a response to secularization, atheism and communism rising after the First World War. At that time, the world was telling Christians to compartmentalize their religion and give their allegiance to the government, so Pope Pius XI wrote an encyclical entitled: *Quas Primas* ("in the first"). Pius XI suggests that the kingdom of Christ embraces all mankind. Pius explained that by virtue of Christ's claim to kingship as creator and redeemer, societies as well as individuals owe him obligations as king. (paraphrased)
6. Despite its Catholic origins, this feast is celebrated by many Protestant denominations such as the: Lutherans, Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians.
7. There are two exceedingly tall images of Christ the King in our world. One in Poland and one in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.



**So, let us give praise to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.** Have a blessed week.

*Michele Hahn*

# MASS OF THANKSGIVING

*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.***

## 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 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 8th.

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 8th**.

**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

# 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.

Last Saturday the Youth Group went to New York City and attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We also attended the play, Aladdin. Here are some pictures from our trip!



And, 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.
- **December 8:** We will be having a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM and will wrap Christmas gifts to bring to Nursing Home residents.

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!

# 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.

# AUTOMATED GIVING FORM

*Parish of the Holy Cross*  
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## Authorization Agreement for Automated Giving

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Cross, at Nesconset, NY, to initiate debit entries to my Checking ( ) Savings ( ) account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same amount, beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

**I choose to have my account debited for this amount:**

**Check one:**

Bi-Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Multiply weekly by 2) Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Multiply weekly by 4.33)

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City / State / Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Banking Transit –ABA #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**( 9 digits located on the bottom left of your check)**

**Bank Account #:** \_\_\_\_\_

*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.

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(Signature) (Print Name) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If second signature is required:

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(Signature) (Print Name) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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](mailto:pothc@aol.com)

# CASH CALENDAR



## Parish of the Holy Cross November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>\$10 PER CHANCE</b>	<b>30 CHANCES TO WIN</b>	<b>\$50 PER DAY</b>	<b>\$500 on NOVEMBER 11</b>	<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	1 \$50	2 \$50
3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50
10 \$50	11 <b>\$500</b>	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

<b>Saturday, November 23rd</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• LIT. MIN. RECOMMISSIONING	Worship Area
• LITURGICAL MINISTER MTG. After Mass	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, November 24th</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• 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
<b>Monday, November 25th</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
• LEVEL 2 PARENT MEETING	Worship Area
<b>Tuesday, November 26th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 1 & 8 ADVENT WREATHS	7PM Wor. Ar., Atr.
<b>Wednesday, November 27th</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>
• AWAKENING FAITH	Atrium, Chapel
<b>Thursday, November 28th</b>	<b>9 AM</b>
• THANKSGIVING MASS	Worship Area
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.)</i>	
<b>Friday, November 29th</b>	
<i>(The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.)</i>	
<b>Saturday, November 30th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• ADVENT WREATH BLESSING	Worship Area
<b>Sunday, December 1st</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED	Atrium
• ADVENT WREATH BLESSING	Worship Area
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM Worship Area

# PARISH NEWS

## Special Collection

*This 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](http://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!*

## 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.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered after the 9:30 AM Mass. **Sunday, December 1st, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.**





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