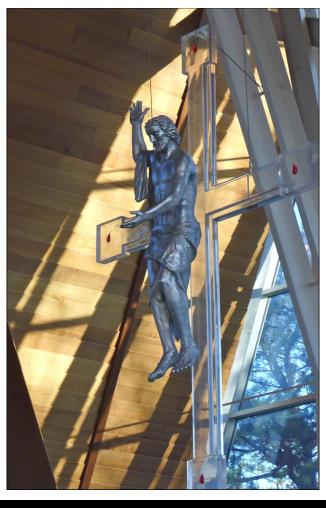
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Jesus Christ is
the faithful
witness, the
firstborn of the
dead and ruler
of the kings of
the earth. To
him who loves
us and has
freed us from



our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever.

Revelation 1:5-6

Come and pray with us!

Christ the King - November 25, 2018

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Saturday: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M. or call Father Michael for an appointment.

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Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses



December 1st/2nd

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

Scripture Readings for December 2, 2018



+ Jeremiah 33:14-16

+ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

+ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass Intentions Schedule



Week of November 25th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Irene RodechkoTue. Dylan WhittingtonWed. Anthony BradyThu. Kathleen Bryan

Saturday, December 1st, 5 PM Mass

Carol Mouzon, Avelino Casas, Alec Ross, Louis Italiano, George Baldwin, Michael Petrulli

Sunday, December 2nd, 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Karen & Logan Michael Ciliotta, Mary

Jackman, Poy Guinchima Presa,

Charles Bernard, Josephine Giorgio,

Millie Rienzi

Got to Catch that Boat

by Father Michael

I will be leaving after the 8:00 Mass on Sunday to catch a ferry out of Orient Point. I will be leaving for my annual retreat. This year I am heading up to a Jesuit Retreat House in Gloucester, Massachusetts. I am participating in a five-day, guided program. This particular offering is being presented to priests. The retreat ends on Saturday afternoon when I will once again travel to the ferry to return home in the evening.

A guided retreat is a bit more of an "advanced course" when it comes to a retreat. It is silent, which comes pretty easily for me. I will meet once a day for a few minutes with a spiritual director. In addition to Mass, the rest of the day is somewhat free, but there is an expectation to spend four extended periods in prayer. The hard part is not the silence or the prayer periods, rather it is trying to quiet the head and listen to the heart. As important and necessary as our thoughts and ideas are, it is really in the silence that God speaks to our souls.

The last time I made this kind of retreat was when I was in the seminary. During those years, I made two shorter guided retreats and one long one which lasted thirty days. Although these experiences were not always easy, I'm glad I had this as part of my formation. These days were profoundly helpful in understanding my own life. They taught me the ways in which I can renew and deepen my relationship with the Lord. I became aware of this retreat only last month, but the logistics all worked out perfectly. I have a sense that I am being called to this kind of prayer experience; the time is right.

I realize it is a privilege to be able to take this kind of time to be away. It is vital that I be grounded in prayer if I am to be a good pastor. I assure you of my prayers, please keep me in yours.

Due to some early bulletin deadlines, I am writing this article a couple weeks before Thanksgiving. After our morning Mass, I will be spending the day with family at my sister's house in New Jersey. I have fond memories of last Thanksgiving. That year it worked out that it was just me and Mom. Although we had a few invitations, we opted to spend a quiet day together. We looked at picture albums and watched some old videos of family and friends. We shared some fun memories and stories. It ended up being a beautiful day. Mom did not want me making a whole turkey dinner for just the two of us, so we chose an alternative menu, king crab legs which were her favorite. At the time, I did not know that would be her last Thanksgiving. It was a precious gift for the both of us, and I am grateful for that time we shared together.

Peace and Blessings.

PARISH OUTREACH

Next Saturday and Sunday, **December 1st/2nd**, will be our monthly Food Drive for our Parish Outreach Pantry. The following items would be most helpful:

- Coffee, Tea
- Meals-in-a-Can
- Jello, Pudding

- Juice Boxes
- Stuffing
- Canned Fruit

Please don't forget to check expiration dates! It will greatly assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you!



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
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ushers
- 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 25th.							
Name:							
I am an:	Altar Server	Eucharistic Minister		Usher	Lector		
I would like to serve at Mass:		Christmas Eve Christmas Day	4PM 8AM	6PM 10AM	10PM 12Noon		

PARISH OUTREACH



Important Reminder For All Our Shoppers

Next weekend, **December 1st/2nd**, will be your **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to return your angel gifts or gift cards. Remember to indicate the amount of the gift card on the envelope or on the card itself.



Our Outreach committee will be sorting the gifts on Sunday, December 2nd, after the 11:30 Mass. Unfortunately, gifts that come in after December 2nd may not go to the people in need of them. Thank you for understanding our need to have all Angel items returned by Sunday, December 2nd, so that they can be distributed that week.



BLUE: Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program

RED: Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home (please wrap gift)

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

(please wrap gift)

PINK: Supermarket cards to enable a family to have a special meal

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ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Help Write Our Prayer

We are familiar with the part of the Mass when petitions are offered. Today it is referred to as the Universal Prayer, although through the years it has also been called the General Intercessions or The Prayer of the Faithful. The prayers that we currently use come about through a variety of ways. Sometimes we write our own. We also have several on-line resources and books that we use in creating the prayers for each week. Additionally, there is a parishioner who assists in writing them.



We are offering the opportunity for parishioners to suggest needs or intentions that could be prayed for at our weekend Masses. Identify issues within our world, nation, community or Church. This would not be the place to mention individual people or private prayers such as "for my cousin, Daisy." (Our Petition Book in the atrium is available for these special intentions.) Please suggest any prayers you would like to see included in our worship. Keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Be succinct; the prayer needs to be limited to one or two short sentences.
- Normally prayers begin with "For." For our nation, . . .
- This is not the place for prayers of gratitude. In Thanksgiving for . . .
- Prayers should not include any particular agenda or personal opinion.

Depending on how many requests we receive, we will try to include at least one intention per week. It may be necessary to edit the prayer so that its format is consistent with the other prayers.

	o use the tear-off below to submit your prayer. These can be mailed in the offertory basket. You may also e-mail us your request to net.	
	My Suggestion for a Sunday Prayer Intention	
Prayer Intention:	"For	,,,
(If you wish you m	nay include your name):	-

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!

Two weeks ago, the Youth Group had a wonderful Fall Retreat weekend! The theme of our retreat weekend was, *In Reverse*. The weekend was dedicated to unpacking the Lord's Prayer in reverse to deeply understand the importance of the essential prayer in a new and exciting way! Here are some pictures of our amazing teens who participated in the weekend.





So, 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: There is no Youth Day/Night Event. The YG wants to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving weekend!
- Next weekend: The Youth Group will be gathering for a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM.
 The event will be Sunday, December 2nd. All are welcome! We are having an Advent Wrapping Party and will be wrapping blankets to give to the residents at the Nesconset Nursing Home the following week. :-)

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 <a href="https://heps.com

CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross Cash Calendar November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				\$50	\$500	\$50
	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 24th
 RECOMMISSIONING LIT. MINS.
 ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED
 5 PM Mass
 Worship Area
 Atrium

Sunday, November 25th

• RECOMMISSIONING LIT. MINS.

• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED

• PRAY THE ROSARY

10:30AM Chapel

• BAPTISMS 1PM Worship Area

Monday, November 26th 5 - 6 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES Atrium

Tuesday, November 27th

• IN STITCHES

• LEVEL 2 PARENT MEETING

10 AM

Fr. Joe Room

7PM Worship Area

Wednesday, November 28th 7:30 PM

● BAPTISM PREP Fr. Joe Room

Thursday, November 29th 1:30 PM

• MOMS' GROUP Sacristy

Saturday, December 1st

• HOLY HOUR

• LEVEL 8 COVENANTS DUE

• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED

3:45-4:45 PM
Worship Area

5PM Worship Area

Atrium

• CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Sunday, December 2nd

• LEVEL 8 COVENANTS DUE

• ANGEL GIFTS COLLECTED

• CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

All Masses

Worship Area

Atrium

• ANOINTING OF THE SICK 10:30AM Worship Area

• YOUTH NIGHT 6-8PM Atrium

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

Don't forget to feed "Kevin Bacon" your quarters when you come to Mass on Sundays! Your donation benefits **Heifer International**.



Atrium

REMINDERS

Holy Hour for Peace

We offer our Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 3:45 to 4:45PM in the Worship Area. The next one will take place on Saturday, December 1st. Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament praying for God's gift of peace to touch our wounded world.



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 2nd, is the next date the Anointing will be offered.





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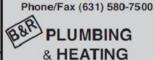
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