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## Jesus Calls the First Disciples

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**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 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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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



#### February 16th/17th

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

### Mass Intentions Schedule



#### Week of February 10th, 9AM Mass

<b>Mon.</b>	Charlotte Wangenstein
<b>Tue.</b>	Raymond McCartney
<b>Wed.</b>	Francis Fuimano
<b>Thu.</b>	Louise Martinelli

#### Saturday, February 16th, 5 PM Mass

Albert Pontieri, Maureen McCarthy, Blanca Rodriguez

#### Sunday, Feb. 17th, 6th Sun. in Ordinary Time

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Mr. & Mrs. O. DeSanto
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Richard P. Canalini, Margaret Lubin
<b>11:30 AM</b>	People of the Parish

### Remembering Our Sick

*Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You...*

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

**Paul Malley**

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed for 4 weeks in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200.



#### *Scripture Readings for February 17, 2019*

- + *Jeremiah 17:5-8*
- + *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*
- + *Luke 6:17, 20-26*

# Kitchen Capers

*by Father Michael*

*I would like to share with you some info and tidbits about the newly renovated kitchen at the Parish House.*

First of all, thank you. It was parish money that paid for most of the project, and I am most grateful. You would think that spending people's money would be easy and fun. It was actually quite challenging. While I wanted something nice, and I didn't want to take shortcuts, I was very conscious of budget. I am happy to report the cost of the renovation was \$5.57 short of \$30,000. Initial estimates were well over \$40,000, so I am pleased the renovation cost far less than that. The original plan was to replace the flooring only in the kitchen. But, it quickly became apparent that the flooring in the living and dining rooms was beyond repair. So, in the end, over 800 square feet of vinyl planking were installed.

It was pointed out to me that the kitchen would not face the same level of use that a kitchen for a family of six would incur. Because of that, I did not need to get super-duper cabinets. I was assured that one of the more basic models would serve well. And, the Diocese has a great contract with P.C Richard which equated to a substantial discount on the appliances.

My favorite story of savings was the backsplash. I wanted some glass tiles with vibrant color. I found something at a local tile store that I liked, but it cost \$92 a square foot. Although I did not need a lot of that tile, it was expensive. Even the salesman was shocked at the price. One day I went into lower Manhattan to the "lighting district" on the Bowery to look for pendant lights. In the midst of electrical stores, there was one tile shop. They had a glass tile that I loved, and the cost was only \$17 a square foot. It took me two trips into the city while hauling a box of tiles home on the LIRR, but it was all part of the adventure.

I knew I was in good hands through the whole project. A parishioner who does this professionally was the contractor and did fine work, keeping right on schedule; it took three weeks from start to finish.

I was able to use the kitchen for Christmas Eve to make a nice dinner for some friends. And, it has gotten a few good workouts since. I had fun on New Year's Day by myself. I like being creative in the kitchen, and I like food that has a little "attitude" (spice). I decided I would make a nice breakfast of huevos rancheros. I looked up a recipe, did all the shopping, and I was off and running. I think this was the most complicated recipe I ever tried. At one point, I had three separate frying pans going. I enjoyed the dish, but they did not taste at all like any huevos rancheros I have ever ordered in a restaurant. By the time I was done, the place looked like a bomb exploded. It was an hour of prep, and almost as long to clean up, all for two eggs. It was a bit crazy, but I had a few laughs along the way.

I am most appreciative to have a new kitchen to enjoy!

# 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 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 events. Take a look!

- **Sunday, February 10 - Youth Night from 6 to 8PM! Join us for a fun-filled evening!**
- **February 16/17 - Winter Break, so we will not be meeting.**
- **Sunday, February 24 - Join us for an 11:30AM Youth Mass with the Core Band and a Youth Day Event following it, from 12:30 to 3PM!**
- **Saturday, March 2 - Our Youth Group will be making sandwiches from 3-5PM and then attend the 5PM Mass.**
- **Sunday, March 3 - Youth Group Sandwich Drive from 7:30AM to 2PM! And, we are looking forward to our Spring Retreat April 5-7!**



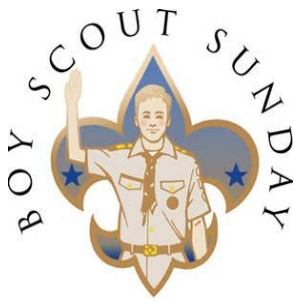
So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, do it! You will not regret it. Come with a friend or family member, and join us as we continue to grow in the endless love of Christ.

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 us at [hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com](mailto:hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

# PARISH NEWS

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 9:30 Mass this weekend.

## Boy Scout Sunday



**February 10, 2019**  
**9:30 Mass**

**Today we celebrate**  
**Scouting's**  
**109th anniversary!**

## Special Collection

This weekend, February 9th/10th, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!



# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## The Bishop's Vocation Retreat

**for Young Catholic Men, March 8—10**  
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

The 2019 Bishop's Retreat is open to men who are High School Juniors and older (ages 16-35). The Annual Retreat with Bishop Barres will be at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. The weekend will include prayerful experiences such as Mass, reconciliation, holy hour, reflection time and interaction with Priests and Seminarians. There will be presentations designed to help participants discern their Vocation and consider why God may be calling them to the priesthood. You will have an opportunity to meet personally with Bishop Barres. Additionally, weather permitting, we will go outdoors for some sports and hiking activities.

For more information visit [ACallToHoliness.com](http://ACallToHoliness.com) and to register visit <http://bit.ly/BishopVocationRetreat2019>

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bereavement Support Group

**St. Mary's Parish in East Islip** is offering a free, eight-week support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group which begins on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to December 12, 2018. For information and/or registration, please contact the St. Mary's Rectory at **631-581-4266 ext. 100**.

# CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross Cash Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 \$50	2 \$50
3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50
10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 Valentine's Day \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50
17 \$50	18 Presidents' Day \$500	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$50
24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$50	\$10 Per Chance 28 Chances to Win	\$50 Per Day \$500 on Presidents' Day

Cash Calendar, FEBRUARY 2019

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, February 9th</b>		<b>10 AM</b>
• WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MTG.		Fr. Joe Room
• HOLY HOUR	3:45-4:45PM	Worship Area
• PRE-CANA CLOSING MASS	5PM	Worship Area
• LEVEL 5-BLESSING OF BIBLES		Worship Area
<b>Sunday, February 10th</b>		<b>All Masses</b>
• LEVEL 5-BLESSING OF BIBLES		Worship Area
• BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	9:30AM	Worship Area
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM	Worship Area
• BAPTISMS	1PM	Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM	Atrium
<b>Monday, February 11th</b>		<b>5 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES		FJ, Atr., WA
• LEVEL 8 CATECHIST MEETING	7PM	Atrium
<b>Tuesday, February 12th</b>		<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• LEVS. 5&6 CATECHIST MEETING	7PM	Atrium
<b>Wednesday, February 13th</b>		<b>7 PM</b>
• FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE		Fr. Joe Room
• LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION		Worship Area
<b>Thursday, February 14th</b>		<b>7 PM</b>
• RCIA		Conference Rm.

# REMINDERS

**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.

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



# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



## HOW TO CRUSH RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (Part 2)

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### Homeschooling Targeted:

In Virginia, the Loudoun County Public School Board is seeking State legislation to repeal the religious exemption which permits thousands of home-schooling parents to opt out of the public school system. Families will be required to find “an alternative instruction setting,” to insure a “satisfactory education.” And the District – not the parent – would determine what a “satisfactory education” looks like.

“This action is very disturbing. It means that the school district wants new ways to control religious-exempt families,” said the Senior Counsel to the Home School Legal Defense Foundation.

### Religious Schools Targeted:

In New York, leaders of religious schools are alarmed by the new guidelines from the State's Dept. of Education that give local public school boards broad power to oversee and intrude upon the independence of private religious schools. Ed Mechmann, spokesman for the N.Y. Archdiocese wrote, “There is no protection against government officials who are hostile to religious schools or who just want to eliminate the competition.”

“As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Par. 2229)



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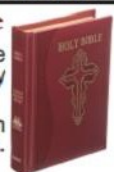
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