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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 3, 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 9th/10th

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 February 3rd, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Brian O'Hanlon  
**Tue.** Ruth Nolan & Michael Corcoran  
**Wed.** Henri-Robert Lamarque  
**Thu.** Concetta Brady

### Saturday, February 9th, 5 PM Mass

Judy Keena, Lucy Follo, Rose Marie Beaudet

### Sunday, Feb. 10th, 5th Sun. in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** Maureen McCarthy  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Jack Hough, Patrick Manley,  
Charles Weinhofer, Helayna  
Klesin, Agnes Salemi

## 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 10, 2019



+ Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8  
+ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
+ Luke 5:1-11

# I Didn't Know the Thermometer Went that Low

*by Father Michael*

As you read this article, I have a tinge of guilt as I am away enjoying a winter get-away in warmth and sunshine. Mother Nature has certainly delivered a wicked winter punch to much of our nation.

Although most of the ground is harder than concrete with the deep freeze we have experienced, I am asking you to think of tilling soil and working out in the garden. As you know, for about eight years Holy Cross has maintained a Community Garden. The primary purpose of the garden is to raise produce that can be distributed to our Parish Outreach clients. This has been a successful undertaking and much appreciated by those who have benefitted from it. However, we find ourselves in need of additional helpers. We always have an abundance of helping hands for the spring kick-off or the autumn clean-up, and there are times throughout the year when the Boy Scouts or other groups will assist with weeding or other large projects. The difficulty is in having enough hands to help with picking the produce and other smaller tasks that need to be done on an almost daily basis. The core group of volunteers has gotten smaller through the years, and for some, their backs are not as strong as they once were. Please let me know if you think you might want to donate your green thumb for a few hours each week this summer. Planning for this summer's garden is underway.

This week there was a Pastoral Council meeting. One of the topics that was discussed was reverence or silence before Mass. It was a topic that had mixed opinions, and no decisions were made. There are some folks who enjoy being able to see and chat with friends and neighbors before Mass. It is part of the personality of Holy Cross to be a personable and caring community. There are others who look for quiet time and reflection before Mass begins and sometimes find the chatter to be a distraction. The best I can do at the moment is to say that parishioners have different expectations and to be conscious of those who are around you.

I am always appreciative of my brother priests who are willing to assist in covering Masses on those occasions when I am away. Msgr. Joe Curley, who is the retired Pastor from the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Centereach, has been a good friend to Holy Cross. Through my years here, he has been able to take most of the weekday Masses when I am away. However, this week is likely going to be the last time he will be able to assist us. Within the next few weeks, he is scheduled to move to Pius X, which is the retired priests' residence in Amityville. We are grateful for all the ways in which he has been a part of life at Holy Cross. We wish him well as he begins this new chapter in his journey. God bless you Fr. Joe and thank you.

**Our Holy Hour for Peace will be offered on Saturday, February 9th, from 3:45 to 4:45PM.**

# PARISH NEWS



## Pray for Our Military

Cpl. Richard J. DeKanchuk, USMC  
SA Anthony J. DeNicola  
FC2 Lane Dyar  
Sgt. Daniel Frost  
MIDN Jonathan A. Goohs Jr., USNA  
WO Christopher Kaminsky  
Cpl. Michael Knipper, USMC  
SSGT Ryan Mauldin  
Lt. Ryan Montvydas  
IT2 Jason Mulderig  
LCpl. Michael Palagonia, USMC

We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service. We will continue to pray for them through 2019. Please let us know at any time during 2019 if their service is finished, their title has changed, or you would like continued prayers through 2020.

May God bless all who serve our nation.  
Pray for Peace!



*Holy Cross  
welcomes these  
children Baptized  
in January*

**Mabel Rose Indovino-Cawley  
Colton Bruce Keller  
Kieran Timothy O'Reilly  
Ella Grace Pavlovic**

## Anointing of the Sick

(Please note the date change for February.)

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.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which usually is offered on the first Sunday of each month, will instead be offered after the 9:30 Mass on **Sunday, February 10th.**



We pray for the following parishioners whose funerals were celebrated at Holy Cross in January:

*Patrick J. Marsden  
Lillian Vissichelli  
Dominick V. Ninivaggi  
Linda Drago  
Maureen R. McCarthy*

May they rest in peace,  
and may their loved ones be consoled.

## Special Collection

Next 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!



# FOR STUDENTS IN LEVELS 1 - 5



The Parish of the Holy Cross  
is hosting a

## Valentine Sweetheart Dance

for all Level 1 through 5 Students and  
their designated sweetheart (e.g. Parent,  
Grandparent, Sibling, Aunt, Uncle, Godparent only).

Date: Friday, February 8th

Time: 7pm—9pm

Place: Parish of the Holy Cross Atrium

Cost: \$10.00 per couple

Best party attire suggested

Come join us for dancing, refreshments and fun!  
There will also be a Photo Booth and a Candy Table.

Please RSVP by February 3rd

631-265-2200 x11 or [herald@optonline.net](mailto:herald@optonline.net)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Note: Space is limited,  
so please call to register asap!



# 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 some pictures from our Youth Night last Sunday!



And, here are our upcoming events. Take a look!

- **February 2/3 - We will not be meeting this weekend because of the Superbowl!**
- **Sunday, February 10 - Youth Night from 6 to 8 PM! Join us for a fun-filled evening!**
- **February 16/17 - Winter Break, so we will not be meeting. Teens, we have lots of fun Youth Day/Night activities coming up, so watch the bulletin! And, we look forward to our Spring Retreat April 5-7! Please join us!**

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.

# ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS!



## Boy Scout Sunday February 10, 2019, 9:30 Mass

Scouts should arrive 15 minutes early  
Class "A" uniforms for scouts & leaders  
Refreshments will be served after the Mass  
Come celebrate Scouting's 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary!  
**Bring your Troop/Pack Flag & Stand**

Please contact Andy Bodor and Kim Loh Bodor [Akjl23@optonline.net](mailto:Akjl23@optonline.net) or 516-996-2295  
*Please let us know how many scouts & leaders will be attending by **February 5** so we can have enough reserved seating for your group. Also please bring cookies, cupcakes, etc. to share.*

**Save the Date: Girl Scout Sunday is March 10th!**

# 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 x13 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.

# PARISH NEWS

## Scripture Study

Join us for Scripture Study on Thursday, February 7th, at 10AM in the Father Joe Room!

## Holy Cross Seniors



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 on

the **first and third Wednesday** of the month and meet some new friends. The meeting is held in the Atrium of the Church from 11:30am to 2:30pm. **The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6th.** We hope to see you there!

# DIOCESAN NEWS

**project rachel**  
**Peace starts here**  
**Healing after Abortion**  
**Day of Prayer and**  
**Healing for Women**

A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by specially trained, compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and heart for those who suffer. The next scheduled day is:

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

For more information visit: [respectlife.drvc.org](http://respectlife.drvc.org)  
To register contact: 1-888-456-HOPE (4673)  
or 1-516-766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org)

Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019  
*All information will remain confidential.*

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



## HOW TO CRUSH RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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

Brian Buescher, a U.S. District Court nominee was assailed by some senators for his membership in the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic charitable organization, suggesting this affiliation might disqualify him for judgeship. Wrote Archbishop Charles Chaput (PA), "The sheer ignorance, not to mention injustice, in the senators describing the K of C as 'extreme' would be baffling – if it weren't part of a pattern of bigoted thinking already sanctified by other senators in their vulgar 2017 grilling of now-judge Amy Coney Barrett. As in 'The dogma lives loudly within you and that's a concern,' said Sen. Diane Feinstein (CA) to Ms. Coney Barrett."

Rev. Eugene Rivers, a Pentecostal minister, decried the "anti-Catholic bigotry" shown by the senators. "As a leader of black Christians, I feel particularly strongly about the Knights of Columbus. For more than a century they bravely defended minorities. If Catholics like the Knights can be targeted, what should members of my Pentecostal Church expect? What about Orthodox Jews, Muslims, Mormons and Evangelical Christians? We share traditional views on abortion and marriage. Even the Rev. Martin Luther King's biblical beliefs would be anathema to these Senators."

"It's ugly, it's vindictive, and it damages all of us," said Archbishop Chaput about these hostile attacks on religious faith among the nation's leading legislators.

**"We must never remain silent in the face of bigotry.  
We must condemn those who seek to divide us."**

**President Ronald Reagan**



# 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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