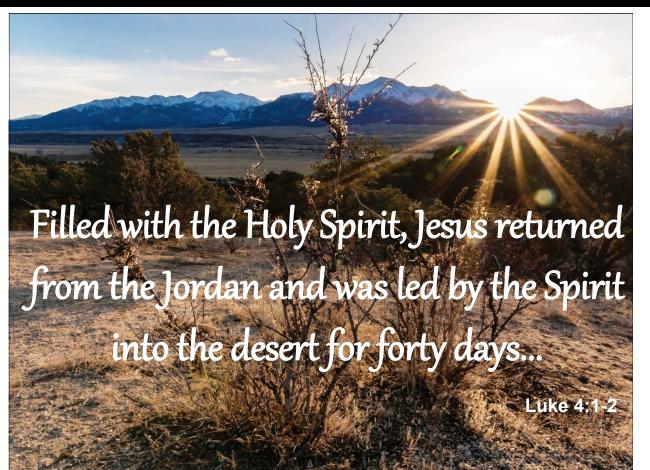
The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



Come and pray with us!

First Sunday of Lent - March 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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PASTORAL TEAM

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Ms. Kathleen Reid Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mrs. Judith Pickel Pastoral Associate

Deacon Ralph Rivera Pastoral Minister

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Mrs. Mary Inghilterra

Weekend Sacristan

Mrs. Barbara Shipman P/T Asst. to the Pastor Mr. Roberto Maza Mr. Vincent Matula Custodians

Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses

March 16th/17th

5:00 PMFr. Frank Eisele8:00 AMFr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph9:30 AMFr. Michael/Dcn. Ralph11:30 AMFr. Frank





The **Bread and Wine** for the week March 10th—16th have been donated in memory of **Lucia Vitale Traino** by her loving family.

Mass Intentions Schedule

Week of March 10th, 9AM Mass

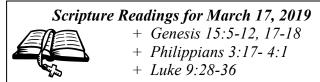
Mon.Pat AcelloTue.Brian O'HanlonWed.Carolyn GriffinThu.Neal & Concetta Romano

Saturday, March 16th, 5 PM Mass

James Eng, Jane Imperato, Carolyn Griffin, Rev. Leslie Colaco

Sunday, March 17th, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM 9:30 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Al Hornberger, Marco Nastasi,
	Frank Giambanco
11:30 AM	Patrick Reilly



Forty Days in the Desert have Begun

by Father Michael

This is the first full week of Lent. There is a great deal of energy that surrounds Ash Wednesday, which begins this holy season. Don't lose the momentum that began a few days ago. If you have not already done so, consider a sacrifice, discipline, or action you can embrace during these days that will bring you closer to God. God calls us to reconciliation and conversion. While these may be a challenge, they open the door for us to know the mercy, compassion and new life of our Lord.

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus himself was tempted in the desert. Although there may have been some fear or uncertainty for Jesus, he trusted in his Father's love. In the end, he completed his time confident of the mission he was called to do. He began his ministry with strength and determination. We need to trust that same pattern can be experienced in our lives. Moments of temptation can lead us to moments of grace.

Although not exactly the desert, there is a trip in store for some of us here at Holy Cross. In two weeks, five members of the Pastoral Team and I will be leaving for California. Every year there is a large conference for those involved in ministry in our Church; it is called the Religious Education Congress and is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Every priest is asked to do some form of on-going education or formation each year. In the past twenty years, I have attended Congress about a half dozen times. The conference is three days packed full of prayer, keynote addresses and workshops. There are offerings for virtually every corner of ministry: music, liturgy, catechesis, spirituality, administration, etc. The speakers who present the various workshops are well known within their fields and offer great insight and expertise.

I realize this is an enormous undertaking. Ever since I came to Holy Cross it has been my hope and dream to be able to do this with the Pastoral Team. I want to do this for several reasons. The ideas, programs, and initiatives that we will bring back with us will enhance what we do here at Holy Cross. It is an affirmation to the Pastoral Team that the work they do is important. There are times we need to invest and affirm those who are leaders within the parish. It will renew our energy and zeal for ministry within the parish. I realize it is no small financial undertaking to bring six people to the West Coast for a long weekend. I presented this proposal two years ago to both the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council, and they were in favor of the parish underwriting this trip. It ended up that we could not go last year, but it worked out for this year. I am confident it will be time and money well spent. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Allow the time in the desert, these days of Lent, to be a holy time for you.

SACRED SILENCE

The Season of Lent has begun. What are you doing to make these days a time when you can grow closer to the Lord?

Sacrífíce?

Servíce?

Prayer and Sílence?



We invite you to be open to the ways in which God may be trying to speak to you during this holy season. Try to create some quiet time in your life where there is room for God's voice to get in.

You may notice our Sunday Masses will incorporate the theme of silence into our prayer. The procession at the end of Mass will take place in silence after singing one verse of the closing song. The song **"Sacred Silence"** will be sung at every Mass. We pray these simple things may serve as a reminder to seek God speaking to you in the silence of your heart.

Our Lenten banner in the atrium reminds us of those who may have no voice. We embrace their suffering and hardship in our prayer. We give voice to those who may otherwise be lost or forgotten. Please feel free to submit additional groups who may need our prayer.

I suggest the following, who have no voice, to be included in our Lenten journey:

Name (optional) _____

PARISH OUTREACH

Eat Símply...So Others May Símply Eat

Lent offers us a unique period of time to evaluate our life journey as a follower of Christ. We are encouraged to assess if this journey has led us to an improved understanding and deepening of our relationship with our Lord, with our neighbors, and with our brothers and sisters of the world community.

For the last 28 years we at Holy Cross have embraced our Lenten Project **Eat Simply So Others May Simply Eat** as a way to raise our consciousness to the significant needs of our struggling friends. We willingly sacrifice larger or better meals for simpler meals during Lent. Our joint effort to **EAT MORE SIMPLY SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT** unites us in a special way with one another and also with those who are struggling on Long Island.

We encourage you not only to participate in this program, but also to discuss it at the dinner table with your children and family members. Many of us are not consciously aware of the number of people that are struggling and hungry right here in our own area. During 2018, our Outreach pantry served over 100 people each month.

The Lenten envelopes marked, **EAT SIMPLY...SO OTHERS MAY SIMPLY EAT**, will be available throughout the weekends of Lent. We suggest that you place the envelope in a prominent place in your kitchen as a reminder of how you and your family will be uniting yourselves with our struggling neighbors and with the starving of the world. *We encourage you to reflect, discuss and to decide how you will eat more basic meals during Lent.* Perhaps you have a favorite simple recipe to share. We'd be happy to put it in the bulletin for fellow parishioners to try.

Each weekend or whenever you choose during Lent, you may place your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the Altar or in the collection basket. The monies donated will be used to help those who come to Parish Outreach for assistance. We are continually grateful for the very generous response of our parishioners of Holy Cross in donating money, food and supermarket gift cards, which enables us to meet their needs.

PARISH NEWS

Basket Raffles

The Basket Raffle Fundraiser will be taking place the weekends of March 23-24, 30-31 and April 6-7.

Following the 11:30 Mass on April 7th, the lucky winners of the baskets will be drawn. Refreshments will be served.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting our Parish Fundraiser.



The Fundraising Committee

Alpha is Coming!!

Alpha is an opportunity for adults to explore life and faith in a friendly, open, and informal atmosphere, using 3 key elements: food, information, and discussion.

Beginning on April 25, 2019, Alpha will be here at Holy Cross.

For 9 weeks, we will gather at 6:30PM, share a light meal, watch an informative DVD, and engage in small group discussion.

While we would love to see everyone at *Alpha*, space limits us to just 30 participants, so please register right away.

Questions? Call Jude at (631) 265-2200x16



Please fill in and return to the Parish Office (We need to know how much food to prepare!):

I am looking forward to participating in Alpha:

Name:

_____ Phone: _____

Email:

PARISH OUTREACH

Long Island Cares Food Drive March 16th/17th

Our Parish will again hold a food drive during Lent, to benefit **Long Island Cares**. During these difficult economic times we are all aware of the struggles many of our neighbors endure in meeting the food and financial needs of their households. **Long Island Cares** provides a valuable service in providing food to community agencies and food pantries across Long Island.

Next weekend (March 16th/17th) boxes will be available in the atrium for you to place donated food.

Long Island Cares' most needed items:

- Pancake/Waffle Mixes
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Juice (plastic container)
- Shelf-stable Milk (ex. Parmalat)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam (plastic jars)
- Canned Ham, Chicken, Tuna
- Pasta, Rice, Egg Noodles
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Vegetables, Fruits, Soups
- Cookies, Crackers, Granola Bars
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Diapers and Wipes, Feminine Hygiene Products

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead



(No glass jars, please)



ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS!



The Parish of the Holy Cross

Holy Week Sign Up Form

Name		
Phone #	Email	@
Check one: Altar Server	LectorUsher	Extraordinary Minister
I am not available to	serve Holy Week and Easter	_·
I am available, and i	nterested to serve at:	
Palm Sunday - A	pril 14, 2019	
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	
8:00 PM - Even Good Friday - Ap	ning Prayer (Lector only) ning Mass of the Lord's Supper nril 19, 2019	
	ning Prayer (Lector only) mn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
Holy Saturday - A	April 20. 2019	
	ning Prayer (Lector only)	
8:00 PM - East	ter Vigil	Holy Week
Easter Sunday -	April 21, 2019	
8:00 AM	11:30 AM	
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	
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Holy Week Schedule completed 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 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 events. Take a look!

- March 9-10 Youth Group Bake Sale/Donation Board at all the Masses
- Sunday, March 10 We will gather for the 11:30 Mass. Following Mass from 12:30 to 1PM is a Parent/Teen Retreat meeting. Then we will participate in a community service activity from 1 to 3PM! Come join us!
- March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day: No Youth Day/Night Event

We are looking forward to our Spring Retreat April 5th-7th!

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 <u>hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com</u> or call the parish office.

CASH CALENDAR



Parísh of the Holy Cross Cash Calendar March 2019



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 9th		10 AM
• WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT		Fr. Joe Room
• YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE	5PM	Atrium
Sunday, March 10th		All Masses
• YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE		All Wasses
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• GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY • YOUTH MASS W/CORE BAND		· · · · · ·
• YOUTH MASS W/CORE BAND • YOUTH DAY EVENT		Worship Area Off-site
BAPTISMS LENT DETDEAT OPENING DD		Worship Area
• LENT. RETREAT OPENING PR	AYER 31	wor.Ar., Atr.
Monday, March 11th		4:30 PM
• LEVEL 4 MASS WALK-THRU		Chapel
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	5PM	FJ, Atr., WA
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Tuesday, March 12th		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• LEV. 5 STATIONS OF THE CROSS	4:30 & 6P	M WA/Outdoors
Wednesday, March 13th		4:30 PM
• LEVEL 4 MASS WALK-THRU		Chapel
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• CONF. PRAYER SERVICE	7PM	Worship Area
Thursday, March 14th		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• MOMS' GROUP	1:30PM	
• LEVEL 4 MASS WALK-THRU		•
• RCIA		Conference Rm.
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Saturday, March 16th		5 PM
• LEVEL 8 LETTERS TO FR. MIC	CHAEL	Worship Area
• LONG ISLAND CARES FOOD D	ORIVE	Atrium
Sunday, March 17th		All Masses
• LEVEL 8 LETTERS TO FR. MIC	-	Worship Area
• LONG ISLAND CARES FOOD E		Atrium
• HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE	10:30AM	Conference Rm.
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Girl Scout Sunday



We celebrate **Gírl Scout Sunday** at the 9:30 Mass thís weekend!

REMINDERS

Special Collection

This weekend, March 9th/10th, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Catholic Schools**.

Thank you for your support of this important collection!



<u>Gluten Free Hosts</u>

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.

Remember "Kevin Bacon"

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



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