

# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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**LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**



*"I have come*

seeking fruit

on this

fig tree..."

Luke 13:7

**Come and pray with us!**

**Third Sunday of Lent - March 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



#### March 30th/31st

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



### Banns of Marriage-Second Time

Kailey Stolte & Thomas Price Jr.

### **Remembering Our Sick**

Please pray for those from our parish who are sick, their families and caregivers:

**Jeff Lawson                  Maryann League**

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 or email to [pothc@optonline.net](mailto:pothc@optonline.net).

## Mass Intentions Schedule



### Week of March 24th, 9AM Mass

**Mon.** Victor Lamarque  
**Tue.** Theresa Ann Davis  
**Wed.** Anthony Rizzo (living)  
**Thu.** William Ford

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

Pauline O'Neill, Maria Conte, Thomas Giordano, Steven Mason, Aura Morales, Rosalie Sayles

### Sunday, March 31st, Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8:00 AM** Shu Mei Strebel  
**9:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Josephine Scavetta, Caterina Pugliese, Giuseppe Girardi, John Meyer, Carlo Pappalardo, Robert Talay



### *Scripture Readings for March 31, 2019*

+ Joshua 5:9, 10-12  
 + 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
 + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

# A Holy Tug of War

*by Father Michael*

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the Pastoral Team attending the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, California. There are six of us who have made the journey to the West Coast. I shared with you some of the reasons why I felt this was a worthwhile endeavor. There is one more reason I share with you now. This weekend attracts approximately 40,000 people who are immersed in various ministries within the Catholic Church. It is exciting and energizing to be surrounded by so many people who are happy and passionate about ministry within the Church. It is an occasion where we can experience the best of what the Church can offer. We are blessed and privileged for this experience and to be bearers of this good news to so many.

It is no secret that the Church finds herself in the midst of stormy waters. The shadow side of the Church is readily identified. There are many reasons one could give why it is hard to be part of the Church; there is still a great need for healing and restoring trust. But, the underlying reality is that for so many, in spite of all the flaws, the Church is still a place of life. It is where we experience the Sacraments, which none of us could share in apart from her. It is where there are opportunities for spiritual growth, friendship, and life within our local community. Holy Cross is a perfect example of this. The parish is a place where the mystery of our Lord comes to life. Great and holy things can continue to be accomplished locally. We are called to the place we find life, so in turn, we can be instruments of life and hope to others.

The Church is both global and local. We more readily identify with the local Church. But, that does not mean we can remove ourselves from the universal Church. In spite of her human failings, we are part of this great institution. At the moment, we find ourselves in the season of Lent which precedes the most solemn days of Holy Week. This is not something we do alone as a parish community, rather we join countless others who embrace these traditions.

We are grateful to all those who give in different ways to support Holy Cross. May we continue to make this a vibrant and joyful community. And, may we also pray for the wider Church. At times it may feel like we are in a tug of war in our relationship with the Church. It is a two-edged sword that at times sustains us and other times challenges us. May we allow the Spirit to touch her and each of us as we grow together.

PS: The Convention Center is in the shadow of Disneyland, but we will not have time to even say “hello” to Mickey.

*Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on the Fridays in Lent,  
March 22, 29 & April 5, from 6–7PM in the Worship Area.*

# PARISH NEWS

## “Dear Evan Hansen” on Broadway

We have an opportunity to travel to Broadway and enjoy a performance of **Dear Evan Hansen**. We are holding a block of seats for **Thursday, June 20th, at 7 PM**.

Broadway shows are wonderful, but the tickets are pricey. Before we commit to buying a block of seats, we need to see if there would be sufficient interest. The cost of the show and bus ride (no dinner) will be \$200.

If you are interested, return the tear-off below. If there are folks who would like to go, we will move forward in buying the tickets.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Lenten Soup Supper

On **Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 PM** the Liturgy Committee will again be sponsoring a **SOUP SUPPER**. For the past two years we have enjoyed a variety of scrumptious, homemade soups made by various parishioners. The **SOUP SUPPER** provides a wonderful Lenten opportunity to gather as a community and share a simple meal, to hear our guest speaker Tom Petriano, and to reflect on those who are in need. If you wish to attend, please complete the first part of the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office *by March 25*. If you wish to contribute a soup, please complete the second half and drop it off as soon as possible.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE SOUP SUPPER:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE A SOUP:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Soup: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note: Soup will be served in crock pots. If you are making soup, but don't have a crock pot, please indicate here and one will be provided:*

I will bring a crock pot \_\_\_\_\_ I need a crock pot provided \_\_\_\_\_



# PARISH NEWS

## Basket Raffles

The Basket Raffle Fundraiser is 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 Back!!

**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 again at Holy Cross.

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

What did parishioners say about last year's *Alpha*? It was "**awesome**," "**enriching**," "**eye-opening**," "**wonderful**," "**deep**," "**comforting**," "**family**."

While we would love to see everyone at *Alpha*, space limits us to just 30 participants, so please register right away. Don't miss out!

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



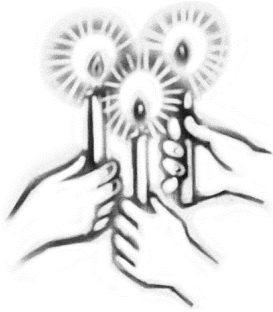
Please fill in and return to the Parish Office (*We need to know how much food to prepare!*):

I am looking forward to participating in *Alpha*:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# TENEBRAE SERVICE



**Tenebrae** is a liturgical service of light to darkness, traditionally celebrated during Lent. It is a presentation of the Passion of Jesus Christ through seven Scripture readings, meditations and song. It involves our Choir, Readers and the Congregation. We encourage all parishioners to join us for our Tenebrae Service on **Friday, April 12th, at 7:30 PM** as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week to follow.

# PARISH OUTREACH

## Eat Simply Ideas

Here are some ideas to consider using for your family's participation in our Eat Simply program.

- If you gave up sweets for Lent, donate the money saved so that we can purchase cookies and snacks for a family.
- Discuss what a "simple meal" means in your household. Is it soup and bread? Is it a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? **Our simple meals can be a gourmet feast for some families struggling to make ends meet.**
- Rather than having your Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts coffee, make your morning coffee at home. The money you donate could buy a can of coffee for a family.
- If you go out to dinner, have coffee and dessert at home and donate what it would have cost you at the restaurant.



Envelopes are available on the bulletin tables; you may return your envelope in the basket on the pillar by the Altar or in the collection basket. Thank you so much for prayerfully participating in our Eat Simply program, so that others may simply eat!

# 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 24 - We will meet for a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM in the atrium!**
- **March 31 - Another fun Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. Join us!**
- **April 5-7 - Youth Group Spring Retreat!**

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.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## Save the Date!!

This year's ROAR! vacation Bible School will take place

**July 8-12, 2019!**

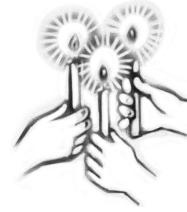
*Come join us for a week of fun and faith!!*



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

## SOUP SUPPER

*Thursday, April 4, 2019 6:30 PM*



## TENEBRAE SERVICE

*Friday, April 12, 2019 7:30 PM*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

*Saturday, April 13th: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM*

*Monday, April 15th: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM &  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM*

*Good Friday, April 19th: following 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (up to 10:00 AM)  
Holy Saturday, April 20th: following 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (up to 10:00 AM)*



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY 2019

**PALM SUNDAY** **APRIL 14, 2019**

*Saturday 4/13/19: 5:00 PM Mass*

*Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11:30 AM & 1:00 PM*

← please note Mass times

**HOLY THURSDAY** **APRIL 18, 2019**

*Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM*

*Children's Service - 5:00 PM*

*Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM*

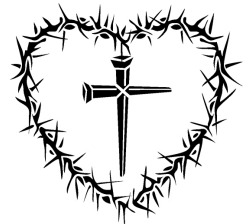
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM*

**GOOD FRIDAY** **APRIL 19, 2019**

*Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM*

*Children's Service - 12:00 Noon*

*Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
with Veneration of the Cross - 3:00 PM*



**HOLY SATURDAY** **APRIL 20, 2019**

*Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM*

*Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM*

**NO AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 PM MASS  
ON HOLY SATURDAY**



**EASTER SUNDAY** **APRIL 21, 2019**

**Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM**

← please note  
Mass times



# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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## WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL MONEY USED FOR?

100% of all funds raised are restricted to support the ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together, parishioners on Long Island reach many more people than one parish could ever do on its own. Some of the areas include:

- Religious education for hundreds of thousands of students
- Affordable and safe housing for seniors, veterans and adults with mental and physical disabilities
- Food programs for seniors, low-income families and women and their children
- Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries
- Priests', Deacons' and lay leaders' education and formation
- Faith Formation, including Baptismal Preparation, Pre-Cana and RCIA programs
- Hospital ministry to those who are ill and their families
- Prison Ministry
- Substance abuse services and day treatment programs
- Catholic Diversity Initiatives

There is no organization or body on Long Island that provides the breadth and depth of spiritual and social services to so many individuals and families as the Catholic Church.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal,  
please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Make checks payable to:  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brochures are available on the bulletin table in the Atrium!

# CASH CALENDAR



## Parish of the Holy Cross Cash Calendar March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					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 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50
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31 \$50	<b>\$10 PER CHANCE.....31 CHANCES TO WIN \$50 PER DAY.....\$500 on ST. PATRICK'S DAY.....MARCH 17</b>					

*Cash Calendar, MARCH 2019*

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# MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday, March 23rd</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• RAFFLE BASKET SALES	Atrium
<b>Sunday, March 24th</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• RAFFLE BASKET SALES	Atrium
• BAPTISMS	<b>1PM</b> Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	<b>6-8PM</b> Atrium
<b>Monday, March 25th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES	FJ, Atr., WA
<b>Tuesday, March 26th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• IN STITCHES	Fr. Joe Room
• RELIGIOUS ED. SEDER	<b>6:30PM</b> Atrium
<b>Wednesday, March 27th</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
• RELIGIOUS ED. SEDER	Atrium
• PASTORAL COUNCIL	<b>7PM</b> Fr. Joe Room
<b>Thursday, March 28th</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
• SCRIPTURE STUDY	Fr. Joe Room
• MOMS' GROUP	<b>1:30 PM</b> Sacristy
• RCIA	<b>7PM</b> Conference Rm.
<b>Friday, March 29th</b>	<b>6-7 PM</b>
• EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	Worship Area
<b>Saturday, March 30th</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
• RAFFLE BASKET SALES	Atrium
<b>Sunday, March 31st</b>	<b>All Masses</b>
• RAFFLE BASKET SALES	Atrium
• PRAY THE ROSARY	<b>10:30AM</b> Chapel
• YOUTH NIGHT	<b>6-8PM</b> Atrium

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Outreach Community Vegetable Garden

Well, spring is here which means we need to get our Community Vegetable Garden ready for planting! The cleanup will take place on **April 13th at 8AM**. We are also looking for people who can volunteer one day a week in the summer for weeding.

The vegetable garden provides produce for those households served by our Parish Outreach who don't have access to fresh vegetables.

So, if you need community service hours for school or just want to help out, do something wonderful and join us April 13th! Don't forget to bring your gloves and rake!

If you have any questions, please contact Joellen at 631-360-1373.



# SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please consider donating next week to Catholic Relief Services and **help Jesus in disguise**.

# EASTER INTENTIONS

*In lieu of individual announced intentions at the Easter Masses, there are **prayer cards** in the Atrium for you to write your special intentions on. These cards will be placed on the Altar at all the Easter Masses.*





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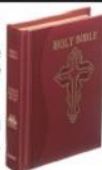
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