The Parish of the Holy Cross

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LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!



He was
transfigured
before them,
and his face
shone like the sun,
and his clothes
became white
as light.

Matthew 17:2

Come and pray with us!

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020

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

Saturdays: 3:45 P.M.—4:30 P.M. Wednesdays in Lent: following 9AM Mass 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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March 14th/15th

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 March 8th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Linda Castro Tue. Josephine O'Shea Wed. Walter Goldstein **Thu.** Denise Lamarque

Saturday, March 14th, 5 PM Mass

Robert & Maryann Lohan, Charles Navas, Mildred Consiglio, Steven Eith

Sunday, March 15th, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish 9:30 AM Al Hornberger

11:30 AM Patrick Rahilly, Gloria Castaldi, Irwin

Reich, John J. McMahon, Frank

Giambanco

Remembering Our Sick

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

Patricia Becker Ann Egan

George V. Daly Phil Graziose

Bob Grieco Joseph Santamaria

Marlene Starr



Banns of Marriage Second Time

Alyssa Calia & Jonathan Nilsen

Scripture Readings for March 15, 2020



- + Exodus 17:3-7
- + Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- + John 4:5-42

Lent Rolls On

by Father Michael

I find something very life-giving when I can make these days of Lent different. For me, I am deliberately making more time for prayer and reading. It is remarkable how doing one good thing amplifies into many good things. I hope you are able to do something as well that allows God to speak to you during these weeks of preparation for our holiest days.

Our Lenten Mission had a great start on Monday; about 150 parishioners came out for the evening. Tom Petriano offered a beautiful reflection on how we are called to minister and care for the least among us. The Mission continues this week with Deacon John Grebe who will explore the topic of "Rejoicing in the Lord." We invite you to make this special hour part of your Lenten experience. Bring a friend.

We have a group of 80 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in May. This week they celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for this special day. We had three Penance services during the week which focused on the Good Shepherd who looks for the lost sheep. You can see the "sheep themed" poster which the children helped to create on display in the atrium.

Several weeks ago I offered a survey in the bulletin regarding our weekday Mass schedule and perhaps increasing opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There were only a handful of responses, and there was no single suggestion that was shared by many people. A couple of the suggestions are simply not possible with a single-priest parish. Realistically, I cannot offer Confessions on Sunday mornings or add morning Mass on Fridays and Saturdays. However, beginning this week I will remain in the chapel for Confession after the Wednesday morning Mass. (This is in addition to Saturday afternoon Confessions as well as anytime you wish to make an appointment to see me.) But, for the foreseeable future the schedule will remain as it is.

I'm happy to announce the Travel Club will be offering a fun, little, half-day outing in November. Do you like the music of Barry Manilow and Bette Midler? I wish it were a concert featuring these two superstars. Instead, it is two impersonators who will present the classic music of these great performers. The show will be held at the NYCB Theatre in Westbury. (In my mind, that place will always be the Westbury Music Fair.) The excursion includes bus transportation from the parish, show tickets and dinner. More information will be available in next week's bulletin.

Next weekend after each of the Masses, I would like to briefly meet will all liturgical ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers) for a few minutes. There are some details we need to review in preparation for Holy Week, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Please make every effort to attend.

PARISH NEWS & 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. The **Bread and Wine**for the week March 8th-14th
have been donated
in loving memory of **Josephine Porcelli**by her daughter, Carole.



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.



Special Collection

This weekend, at the offertory, we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major**



also be collecting for our Renovations and Major Repairs fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years



This spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown.

Mass will begin at 2 PM, and Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at your parish office. Space is limited, so registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, please call 516-678-5800 ext. 223.

Girl Scout Sunday



Today, at the 9:30 Mass, we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. Please join us after Mass for some hospitality!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

THEME FOR WEEK 2 OF THE PARISH LENTEN MISSION

"Rejoicing in the Lord"

Come join us for prayer, reflection and song Monday, March 9th, at 7:30 PM

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice..."



Precious in His Sight

Our guest speaker: **Deacon John Grebe**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Lake Ronkonkoma, NY

Invite a friend or family member to join you!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION



UPCOMING Lenten Mission Nights March 16 & March 23

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Keeping a Holy Lent

March 16th: "Forgiveness in the Lord" – Speaker: Rev. Jerry DiSpigno,

Good Shepherd Parish. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be

celebrated as part of this evening.

March 23rd: "United in the Lord" – Speaker: Sister Pat Duffy, OP

Sisters of St. Dominic (Amityville)

Hospitality will be served to conclude our Mission series.

SAVE THESE DATES AND BRING A FRIEND OR TWO! "ALL ARE WELCOME"

YOUTH MINISTRY

Are you a high school student who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you want to make new friends as you play fun games? Then check out the **Holy Cross Youth Group**. You will be glad you did!



Here are our upcoming events:

- March 8: We will have a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM. Come join us!
- March 15: Another fun Youth Night! Join us in the atrium from 6 to 8PM.

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 Allie Roecklein, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com or call the parish office. Thank you!

PARISH OUTREACH

Eat Simply...So Others May Simply 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 29 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 2019, our Outreach pantry served an average of 90 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 enable us to meet their needs.

PARISH OUTREACH

Long Island Cares Food Drive

Who are the hungry on Long Island? We share some facts compiled by Long Island Cares:

- Approximately 283,700 Long Island residents receive emergency food each year-that's 64,000 people every week. 39% of those receiving assistance are children under 18 years.
- The elderly make up 4% of Long Island's hungry. Some of the reasons for this are: not having enough income to afford nutritious food; suffering from depression and loneliness; experiencing the side effects of multiple medications. Many are too proud to request help.
- Nearly half 48% receiving emergency food assistance are the "working poor," households that include at least one employed adult. Nearly half report having to choose between paying for food and paying the rent or utilities. More than one out of three must choose between food and medicine or medical care.

As we have done for the last few years during Lent and as part of our Baptismal call to live out the Beatitudes, our parish will sponsor a food drive on behalf of **Long Island Cares**. Long Island Cares is an organization that collects and delivers food to more than 600 community-based agencies in Nassau and Suffolk. In a typical year, it distributes over 7 million pounds of food.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to Mass on the weekend of March 21/22 and place them in the large boxes in the Atrium.



We thank you for being a community that consistently stocks our own food pantry, reaches out to our surrounding communities and finds ways to assist our global family (through Heifer International).

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 x113 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

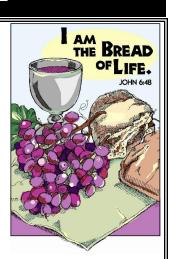
are also available to bring communion to the homebound who desire it.

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.

YOU MAY WANT TO...

Consider a donation of Altar Bread and Wine for a week, especially if your request for a date for a Mass has been taken. Your special occasion or loved one's name will be printed in the bulletin.

Or, you may want to make a monetary donation to Holy Cross in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone living. We now have a Book of Memorials and a Book of Honorees. Your donation will be used to purchase needed items for our church. Holy Cross has a practice of not engraving names on benches and other items, but your donation will be recorded in the appropriate book for all posterity.



Our Parish Outreach also accepts donations in memory or honor of someone and has lovely cards that you can send.

For more information, please visit or call the Parish Office at 631-265-2200 x122.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Easter 2020

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday, April 3, 2020 7:30 PM



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Wednesdays in Lent (except Holy Week): following 9:00 AM Mass Saturdays in Lent: 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM Monday, April 6th: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM &

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Good Friday, April 10th: following 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (up to 10:00 AM) Holy Saturday, April 11th: following 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (up to 10:00 AM)



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY 2020

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020

Saturday 4/4/20: 5:00 PM Mass Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

11:30 AM & 1:00 PM

please note Mass times

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 9, 2020

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 10, 2020

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 11, 2020

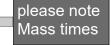
Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
NO AFTERNOON CONFESSIONS OR 5:00 PM MASS
ON HOLY SATURDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

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



ATTENTION: LITURGICAL MINISTERS!



The Parish of the Holy Cross

Holy Week Sign Up Form

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Please drop in the basket or return to the Parish Office NO LATER than Thursday, March 12, 2020. Thank you for your help in helping us get our Holy Week Schedule completed ASAP!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Parish of the Holy Cross St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus



March 21, 2020

MUSIC!

DANCING!



THE PRICE: \$35 PER PERSON

MCNU CHOICES: Corned Beef or ½ Roasted Stuffed Chicken plus Beer, Wine, and Soda

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TIME: 6:30pm; Dinner Served 7:30 to 8:30pm

PLACE: St. Joseph RC Church, 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma, NY

Tickets on sale after Mass until March 15th

Contact Information: Charles Tedeschi 631-278-0121, Frank Ingarra 631-885-5129, Rick Garcia 631-860-4227



Dear Friends:

As we journey through this Lenten season, the Lord Jesus calls us to devote ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Our Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us a practical way to respond to this Gospel call by making the mercy and love of Jesus manifest to all those in need. During Lent, we are challenged to put into practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. These works are the heart of the annual Appeal.

As Pope Francis tells us "Prayer brings us back to the path of truth about ourselves and about God; fasting makes us share the reality of so many people who face the anguish of hunger and makes us pay more attention to our neighbor; charity is a blessed occasion to collaborate with God's providence in benefit of His children."

Your generosity has enabled us to provide caring homes for people with disabilities, affordable housing to our low income seniors, and services to help people recover from addiction. We have supported married and family life; celebrated the sacramental life of the Church; ministered to those in prison; brought the healing power of Christ to those suffering from illness; spread the Gospel through efforts of evangelization, education and formation. These are just a few of the ways your contributions transform lives and spread *dramatic missionary growth*.

Today I invite you to join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that, as One Family In Mission, we can continue to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of others.

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family this Holy Season of Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

Make checks payable to:

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CMA brochures are available on the bulletin table in the Atrium.

CASH CALENDAR



Parish of the Holy Cross March 2020



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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 7th

• LEVEL 2 RECONCILIATION

• HOLY HOUR

• K OF C TICKET SALES

11 AM & 1 PM

Worship Area

5PM Atrium

Sunday, March 8th

• K OF C TICKET SALES

• GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

• REL. ED. FAMILY PROGRAM

• BAPTISMS

• YOUTH NIGHT

All Masses

Atrium

9:30AM Worship Area

10-11AM Fr. Joe Room

1PM Worship Area

6-8PM Atrium

Monday, March 9th

• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES

• PARISH MISSION

4 - 6 PM

Atrium

7:30PM Worship Area

Tuesday, March 10th

• IN STITCHES

• LEVEL 8 PRAYER SERVICE

7 PM Worship Area

Wednesday, March 11th 9:30 AM
• CONFESSION Chapel

Thursday, March 12th

• SCRIPTURE STUDY

• RCIA

10 AM

Fr. Joe Room

7PM Sacristy

Saturday, March 14th 5 PM
• K OF C TICKET SALES Atrium
• LITURGICAL MINISTERS' MTG. Worship Area

Sunday, March 15th

• K OF C TICKET SALES

All Masses

Atrium

• LITURGICAL MINISTERS' MTG. Worship Area

LEV. 1 & 8 SHAMROCK CRAFT 12:30PM Atrium
 YOUTH NIGHT 6-8PM Atrium

COMMUNITY NEWS

YES Community Counseling Center

info@yesccc.org www.yesccc.org

YES Community Counseling Center offers a support group specifically created for adults who have lost a loved one to addiction.

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Cost: Free

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PRAY FOR HEALING

A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

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Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith. Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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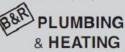
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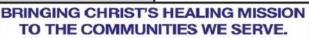
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