# The Parish of the Holy Cross

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# **LET ALL BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST!**



# **Come and pray with us!**

# Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7, 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!

631.265.2200 + Fax 631.265.2229 + pothc@optonline.net Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:15-1:00 PM)

#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

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Mrs. Mary Anne Mc Culloch Coordinator of Parish Outreach

Mrs. Judith Pickel Pastoral Associate

Deacon Ralph Rivera Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Tricia Clarke Business Manager

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

Mrs. Mary Inghilterra Weekend Sacristan

#### **Celebrants for Next Weekend's Masses**

## <u>April 13th/14th</u>

5:00 PMFr. Michael8:00 AMFr. Kenan Peters9:30 AMFr. Michael11:30 AMFr. Frank Eisele1:00 PMFr. Frank

## Remembering Our Sick

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

#### Yolanda Fattorusso Jeff Lawson Maryann League Charlotte & Jim Lynch

If you would like to have the name of your loved one remembered, please call the office at 265-2200

## Scripture Readings for April 14, 2019



+ Isaiah 50:4-7 + Philippians 2:6-11

+ Luke 22:14-23:56

## **Mass Intentions Schedule**

## Week of April 7th, 9AM Mass

Mon. Lisa Tauger (living)Tue. Corydon Sibley Sr.Wed. Patricia Finnegan-BergThu. Michael Dillon

## Saturday, April 13th, 5 PM Mass

Joseph Cappiello, Richard Kuczwaj, Vito Orlando, Patricia Pellicano, Robert & May Levasseur

#### Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday

8:00 AM	Anne Geisel
9:30 AM	Michael Corcoran
11:30 AM	Maria Conte, Anthony Trozzo, Joseph
	Wilkinson, Joseph Primerano Sr.,
	Joseph Primerano Jr., Gaetana
	DiMondo
1:00 PM	People of the Parish

The Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** will be offered after the 9:30 Mass this weekend.

# Get Ready, Holy Days are Coming

by Father Michael

This week Holy Cross extends a warm welcome to Mr. Bill Brennan. He will be speaking at all the Masses about how he received the help he needed at a time of crisis in his life. The guidance he received came through an organization supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank him for sharing his story with us. Thank you to all who have already given to the CMA. We are nearing the 50% mark of our goal, thanks to your generosity. I ask for your prayerful consideration in supporting this work of the Diocese.

Please keep our Youth Group in your prayers this weekend as they are in the midst of their Spring Retreat. Please keep the Core Group in your prayers as well. The funny thing about working with youth in an experience like a retreat is that it is both simultaneously energizing as well as exhausting. It can be a rich experience in leading young people to moments of grace and realization how God is at work in their lives. But, it also takes focus and effort to make sure they are safe and doing what they need to do. I suspect this two-edged experience is not limited to moments of Church ministry, but it is experienced on a daily basis by those folks who happen to be parents.

Have you noticed our floors are looking a little different? Through the years there have been many attempts made to keep our flooring in bright and shiny condition. Waxing the floors make them sparkle, but it only lasts a few days before they begin to get scuffed up again. We are trying something new. We are removing all of the old wax and are allowing the floors to remain natural, without any treatment or waxes. It is taking multiple coats of stripper to remove the many layers of wax that have built up through the years. The floors now have more of a matte finish, but they should be easier to maintain in the long run.

Once we began that project it led to another, as so often happens. Through the years when we hired companies to apply wax to the floors, it was not always done neatly which resulted in wax being splashed on the side of the pews. It stained the pews and was impossible to simply wash away. However, a light sanding of the sides of the pews has removed the vast majority of the discoloration. A new coat of stain will help protect them. We are most grateful to Roberto and Vincent (our maintenance staff) for the long hours they have been putting in to this work. I appreciate all the efforts made to keep our Worship Area looking the best it can.

Let us pray for God's Spirit to continue to be with all of us during these coming weeks as we enter Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Let us pray for all those who will join us for our most holy days.

> Join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** on Friday, April 5, from 6—7PM in the Worship Area.

# **EXCITING HAPPENINGS!**

## **Basket Raffles**

This weekend, April 6th/7th, is the last weekend to participate in the **Basket Raffle Fundraiser!** 

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

Thank you 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:

# **PARISH NEWS**

# Pray for Our Military

PFC Anna Brady 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 March

Charlotte Grace Baiocco Emma Elizabeth Barry Braden Kenneth Fechter Brady Jane Harned Owen Brian Markowitz Makai Jordan Moseley Charles Satish Persaud James Michael Vinberg Jonathan Eugene Vinberg



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

María C. Conte Theresa Ann Davís Gaetana DíMondo Línda Puglísí

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

## 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.

# **BAKERS NEEDED!**



Bakers are needed to make baked goods for the **Easter Vigil** celebration which will take place on Holy Saturday, April 20th, at 8PM. If you are interested in baking, please contact Nick and Diane Lombardo at **631-698-5930**. Thank you!

# PARISH OUTREACH

# <u>Caring for the Caregiver</u>

# ARE YOU CARING FOR A FRAIL ELDERLY PARENT OR DISABLED FAMILY MEMBER?

# ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SANDWICH GENERATION - CARING FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT THE SAME TIME?

We invite you to consider coming to the first meeting of our Caregiver Support Group on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Fr. Joe Room.

Sharing our struggles with fellow caretakers helps to lighten the burden. Often we learn from each other better ways of dealing with issues arising out of our caregiving responsibilities. To register for the group, call the Parish Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 ext. 13 or drop off the form below in the collection basket or parish office.

## I am interested in attending the caregiver support group:

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# **PARISH OUTREACH**

## **Eat Simply**

We wish to thank our parishioners for their support so far of the Eat Simply program. Your generosity and spirit of prayerful sacrifice inspire us. We offer several more ideas for your Lenten Journey: Eat

- Brown bag your lunch
- Enjoy a soup and grilled cheese sandwich supper
- Order from the "dollar" menu
- Skip your cocktail or dessert at dinner
- Students donate the money they would have spent on a snack
- Use tap water instead of bottles of water (better for the environment, too)
- Buy store brands instead of name brand items

Envelopes are still available on the bulletin tables and can be returned through Easter Sunday. The money you saved and donated to Outreach will be used to assist families in our area who struggle, enabling them to provide food and maintain housing for their households. Thank you!

## **Outreach Community Vegetable Garden Volunteers Needed!**

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 V 631-360-1373.



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# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

## Save the Date!!

This year's  $ROAR!\,$  Vacation Bible School will take place

July 8-12, 2019!

Life is Wild \* God is good

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

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello everyone! 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 some pictures from our last Youth Night. We discussed God's grace and friendship, and we are excited about our Spring Retreat!





Here are our upcoming events. Take a look!

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- April 5-7: Youth Group Spring Retreat!
- Saturday, April 13: We will have a 5PM Youth Mass with the Core Band, followed by a Youth Night from 6 to 8PM! Come join us!

So, if you are thinking about coming to the church to see what we are all about, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Youth Minister, Allie Roecklein, at <u>hcyouthgroup15@gmail.com</u>.

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE**

## **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 2019PALM SUNDAYAPRIL 14, 2019Saturday 4/13/19:5:00 PM MassSunday:8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,11:30 AM & 1:00 PMplease 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







Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

As with any family, there are times when a brother or sister is in serious need and reaches out to us for help. Catholic Charities' Talbot House serves the needs of families in crisis due to substance abuse.

In 2008 Bill received a call from his son, Michael, who was away at medical school. Michael was in crisis – addicted to drugs and plummeting out-of-control.

Searching for a safe environment to get Michael help, Bill found Talbot House. At first, Michael didn't want to stay. But, twenty-two days after he moved in, Michael was a different person.



"Talbot House gave our son back to us. It's a wonderful resource. Michael fully credited Talbot House and his counselor with his recovery. Michael went on to graduate from medical school with the intention of working in the area of addiction medicine."

Michael's life was cut short when, on the way to visit his grandmother, his car was hit head-on by an impaired driver. Inspired by his son's desire to help those with addiction, today Bill volunteers at Talbot House as a spiritual education counselor, helping residents address the topics and events that may be holding them back from recovery.

"Michael said he owed his life to Talbot House. I know I belong here carrying on his work."

#### Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit <u>Catholic Ministries Appeal.org</u> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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## **MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

Saturday April 6th		2.45 4.45 DM
Saturday, April 6th		3:45 - 4:45 PM
• HOLY HOUR		Worship Area
• RAFFLE BASKET SALES	5PM	Atrium
Sunday, April 7th		All Masses
• RAFFLE BASKET SALES		Atrium
• ANOINTING OF THE SICK	10:30AM	Worship Area
• RAFFLE BASKET DRAWIN	G 12:30PM	Atrium
Monday, April 8th		5 PM
• SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES		FJ, Atr., WA
• TENEBRAE REHEARSAL	7:30PM	
Tuesday, April 9th		10 AM
• IN STITCHES		Fr. Joe Room
• CONF. CANDIDATES/YOUT	TH MIN.7PM	Worship Area
Wednesday, April 10th		7 PM
• LITURGY COMMITTEE		Fr. Joe Room
Thursday, April 11th		10 AM
• SCRIPTURE STUDY		Fr. Joe Room
• MOMS' GROUP	1:30PM	Sacristy
Friday, April 12th		7:30 PM
• TENEBRAE		Worship Area
Saturday, April 13th		8 AM
• VEGETABLE GDN. CLEAN	UP	Vegetable Gdn.
• LENT. RETREAT CLOSING	PRAYER 1P	M WA, Chapel
• CONFESSION	3:30-4:30PM	Chapel
• YOUTH MASS	5PM	Worship Area
• YOUTH NIGHT	6-8PM	Atrium
Sunday, April 14th	8AM, 9:30AI	M,11:30AM,1PM
• PALM SUNDAY MASSES		Worship Area
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## **Special Collection**

Next weekend, April 13th/14th, at the offertory we will also be collecting for our **Renovations and Major Repairs** fund. Thank you for your support of this important collection!

**CASH CALENDAR** 

#### Congratulations to the following March Cash Calendar Winners!

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3/1/2019	\$	50.00	The Sangimino Family	$\bigstar$
3/2/2019	\$	50.00	Gabriella DeSantolo	$\stackrel{\sim}{\Delta}$
3/3/2019	\$	50.00	Francis McCutchen	$\stackrel{\sim}{}$
3/4/2019	\$	50.00	Frank Campanelli	$\frac{1}{2}$
A 3/5/2019	\$	50.00	A. Cassone	$\frac{1}{2}$
	\$	50.00	Carol Volpe	
3/7/2019	\$	50.00	Joann Leptich	$\bigstar$
3/8/2019	\$	50.00	Maryellen McCutchen	☆
3/9/2019	\$	50.00	Dan Collura	☆
🖈 3/10/2019	\$	50.00	Peter Lambert	☆
🖈 3/11/2019	\$	50.00	Daniel VanBrunt Sr.	$\bigstar$
🛧 3/12/2019	\$	50.00	Food Pantry	$\bigstar$
🛧 3/13/2019	\$	50.00	Pam & Tim Cotter	$\bigstar$
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3/20/2019	\$	50.00	Connie Lipnicki	$\bigstar$
3/21/2019	\$	50.00	Pam & Tim Cotter	$\frac{1}{2}$
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3/23/2019	\$	50.00	Maria Meyer	$\stackrel{\sim}{}$
	\$	50.00	James Donnelly	$\frac{1}{2}$
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3/26/2019	\$	50.00	Kathy Hershberger	$\frac{1}{2}$
3/27/2019	\$	50.00	Serafina Marolla	
3/28/2019	\$	50.00	Pam & Tim Cotter	$\bigstar$
3/29/2019	\$	50.00	Henrietta Renken	$\bigstar$
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