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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.



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - November 24, 2024



Come and Pray with Us!

We celebrate Eucharist

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM; Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM The 9:00 Weekday Mass & Sunday 11:30 Mass are livestreamed on Facebook.

We celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM; Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass



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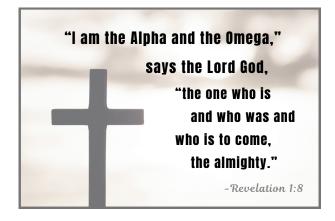
> PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 4 PM (closed 12:15-1 PM)

> > Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

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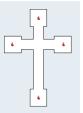
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

The Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 27th, and will be CLOSED through FRIDAY, November 29th





A MAN AND HIS ROCKET



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Allow me to offer a random reflection for Thanksgiving that was inspired by a recent overnight trip to New England.

If ever you happen to drive through the town of Warren, New Hampshire, you cannot help but see there is a retired Mercury Redstone rocket in the middle of the town square. I am familiar with the town of Warren. As a child, my family used to go to a summer resort in that town every year. In my high school years, I worked at that same resort. I came to know some of the people who call Warren their home.

Henry Asselin (although everyone called him Ted) called Warren his home. His life began there; his life ended there. Along the way he served in the US Army for twenty-two years which brought him to many corners of the world. He was a smart man, he was a simple man, and he understood people well. He was the kind of guy who everyone liked, and he left a lasting impression in your heart once you met him. I got to know him as manager of the resort where I worked.

He concluded his military service in Huntsville, Alabama, where he worked on the Mercury Redstone project. The end of his military career coincided with the end of the Redstone project. He learned that the remaining missiles were going to be scrapped. He was saddened at the thought of losing this piece of American history. He asked if he could have a rocket. He was told yes, but he had to move it himself. What do you do when you claim ownership of a 70-foot rocket? You bring it to your hometown. He and his wife Sheila paid \$2,000 (about \$15,000 today) to hire a truck. He did so for two reasons. First, to give his town something unique and something to be proud of. But more significantly, he wanted it to be a source of inspiration to the children to let them know they can dream for the stars. Alan Shepard also came from a small town in New Hampshire.





I find it inspirational that some people will do selfless and heroic things for something they believe in. Some people will do what is necessary to make a mark in a small slice of life, even if there is not a multitude of people who will recognize what is done. It is this inner desire to do good and make a difference that makes America an amazing place. It is that same spirit that allows God's kingdom to be built in our midst.

I'm sure everyone has a "Ted" in their life: someone who did great things, in gentle ways, for selfless reasons, and left a great impression along the way. Let us be filled with gratitude for those people who raise the bar as to what life can be and to what we can each accomplish. Happy Thanksgiving.



ON THE CALENDAR

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CELEBRANTS FOR
NEXT WEEKEND'S
MASSES



NOVEMBER 30 5:00 PM FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE

DECEMBER 1

8:00 AM FR. FRANK/DCN. JOE

> 9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL 11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 1

- + Jeremiah 33:14-16
- +1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
- + Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Saturday, November 23rd 5:00PM after Mass, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY
Sunday, November 24th9:30AM & 11:30AM after Masses, A	
Sunday, November 24th4:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area	HOLY CROSS CONCERT
Monday, November 25th6:30PM, Atrium	LEVEL 1 ADVENT WREATHS
Tuesday, November 26th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
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Wednesday, November 27th12:00 NOON	PARISH OFFICE CLOSES EARLY
Thursday, November 28th9:00AM, Worship Area	THANKSGIVING MASS
Friday, November 29th	PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
Saturday, November 30th 5:00PM Mass, Worship Area	ADVENT MISSION with FR. LARRY
Sunday, December 1st All Masses, Worship Area	ADVENT MISSION with FR. LARRY
Sunday, December 1stAfter 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area	ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Sunday, December 1st 11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room	CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Please stop by for complimentary refreshments which will be served after the 5PM, 9:30AM, & 11:30AM Masses on November 23rd & 24th. We kindly ask that you wait to enjoy these special treats until after Mass, when served in the Atrium by our youth volunteers. Thank you!

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org** to find out more about the different ministries we have to offer, how you can be involved, and when they meet.

WE PRAY...CELEBRATE...REMEMBER



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

Bob Alderdice Theresa Arzillo Alejandro Astegiano Jo Barry Kathy Barry Barbara Bombace Cole Brennan Dan Bryan Judy Carlson Hank Champagne Mary Champagne William Ciccarelli Jason DeLuca Manuela Diaz Ann Egan Vincent Esposito Ralph Farino

Yolanda Fattarusso Sienna Fricke Linda Giordano Linda Heinrichs Debbie Jablinowski Kristen Kennedy Roberta Lamb Caroline Lazar Carol Leahy Mary Lopez Gerald Losquadro Charlotte Lynch Viola Malek Jeanne Marie Malley Steve Matonti Olivia Melia Loretto Narducci

Darin Pitkanen Patricia Pitkanen Carina Ranieri Rob Remhild Liam Richards Lynn Rodger Sean Romeo Elaine Ruane Louise Scagnelli Casey Schultz Kathy Schwinn John Serri Celeste Sichenze Bill Tanner Grace Van Epps Peter Warns Emma Zeidman

If you would like to have the name of your loved one listed in our prayers for the sick, please call 631-265-2200 x122.

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Week of Sunday, November 24, 9AM Masses

Mon. Allison Hall

Tue. Irene Rodechko & Donald Brown **Wed.** Dave Szilagyi & Ted Guzikowski

Thu. People of the Parish

Saturday, November 30, 5 PM Mass

Mary Conlin, Anthony Brady, Ann & Cecil Wirth, Colleen Truono, Luis Pelaez

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Charles & Lorraine Otto
9:30 AM James Reid, Manuel Coehlo,
Grandparents of Rosa & Francisco Martins,
Michael James Nevins, Maria Volpe
11:30 AM People of the Parish



The **Bread and Wine** for the week have been donated in loving memory of **Maria Volpe** by the Volpe family.



We thank the men and women who serve in our military for their service.



Sunday, December 1st, will be the next date that the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30 AM Mass



CELEBRATING CHRIST THE KING



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



This weekend we reach the end of the Liturgical Year with the feast of Christ the King. This feast day was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. As a response to the rise of secularization, atheism, and communism in the world and to publicly acknowledge the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all people and nations, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical Quas Primas. This encyclical added the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ the King" to the Church liturgical calendar. It designated the feast to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October. However, in 1969, Pope Paul VI further enhanced this feast. To emphasize Christ's universal reign, he changed the feast day name to "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." He also changed the feast date to the last Sunday in the liturgical year, emphasizing even more strongly the connection between Christ's kingship and His second advent (coming) to judge the world.

In our parish, each year on this feast, we re-commission those in our community who serve in the liturgical ministries of Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Musician, Altar Server, and Sacristan. A simple prayer of blessing is done at each Mass with those in attendance who serve in the above-mentioned ministries. Today, I close with the **Servant's Reward**, words many good people are able to relate to in all they do for our parish.

One day, when you are in heaven, someone will come up to you and thank you for the way you touched their life with hope and encouragement. The person's words will take you by surprise. Soon another person will seek you out, and then another and another. As you listen to each one's story, you will begin to discover all the ways that God used your life when you were completely unaware of it. You will find that it was not only through the big things you did but also through the small things—through a spoken word that was not planned, a spontaneous act of kindness, a loving attitude, or a simple prayer of concern. To your joy, you will discover that in all these ways and more, God used you to deposit an eternal measure of His love into many needy hearts.

Have a blessed, prayerful, and healthy week ahead!

If you are a Holy Cross Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, or an Usher







Please sign up for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses on the weekend of November 23rd & 24th after all Masses in the Sunday Sacristy





Christmas Angels







ANGEL TAGS are available this weekend in the COLOR-CODED baskets in the Atrium and on the Altar pillars in the Worship Center.

In the Atrium, you will find colored baskets that will reflect the color of the Angel. This will help promote social distancing and let you choose an angel easier. We ask that you do not congregate at the baskets.

If you would like to help a family in need this Christmas, choose an Angel Tag, purchase the item written on the tag, and return the Angel Tag with the item or gift card by Sunday, December 8th.



Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program



URPLE Talbot House - the Catholic Charities crisis center for those struggling with addiction



RED

Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home



Items for teens in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto



Supermarket cards, gas cards, drugstore cards



ORANGE Mercy Haven - an organization that provides community residence housing for those living with mental illness

Please be mindful of the following instructions for ease of distribution:

We are requesting gift cards from these local stores (Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) to enable our families to purchase for themselves and their children the items they need. We are also requesting supermarket gift cards to enable each household to have a special holiday meal. (Reminder: gift cards need to be activated at the register)

Sometimes Angels get separated from the actual gift card when they are returned. We ask that you, in permanent marker, mark the amount of each gift card purchased directly on the gift card. This can be done on the top right of the front or back of the card. This would be very helpful in eliminating the time-consuming job of calling for amounts on cards of unknown amounts. I thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Some Angels are coded (orange, purple, green, red) for the agencies we reach out to each year (Mercy Haven, Talbot House, Pronto, Olsen's Rest Home). If you choose one of these angels, attach the Angel on top of the item with tape and return it to the Atrium by Sunday, December 8th.

When you purchase a gift card, please put the gift amount on the gift card.

This information is needed so parish outreach can distribute the cards equally. Gift cards do not need to be wrapped. Please put the gift card in an envelope and place it in the GIFT BOX on the table near our Angel signs.

Please do not wrap gift items.

This makes it easier on sorting day to count and distribute to the agencies. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Gifts and gift cards can be returned for the next 2 weekends at Mass or dropped off during the week at the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, December 8th, is the last day to return gifts and gift cards.

We thank you for the Spirit of Generosity you bring to our program each year.

-Parish Outreach

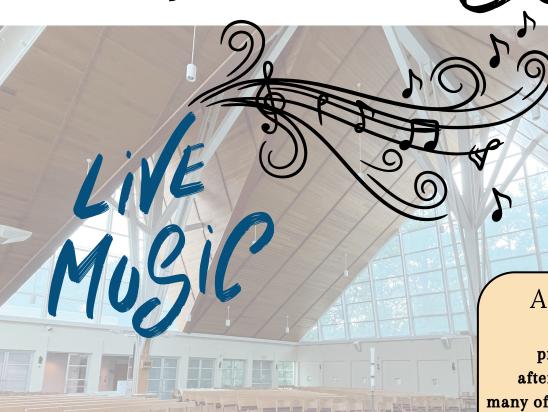


HOLY CROSS

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th





I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Psalm 104:33

All are Welcome

to join us for a
prayerful and engaging
afternoon which will feature
many of the favorite liturgical songs
that we sing during
our worship at Mass.

4PM - Wine and Cheese Hospitality (additional family friendly snacks provided)

4:30 PM Concert begins

(lasts approx. one hour)

Bring a Friend and a Song in Your Heart

Join us this Sunday!

All are Welcome!

PARISH OUTREACH



Parish of the Holy Cross Invites You and Your Family to Celebrate

Thanksgiving

Begin the day with your parish family at the 9:00AM Mass

Please bring a food item from your table for a blessing.

Each family will receive bread that will be blessed to take home.

Assist Parish Outreach to replenish the pantry with any of the following items:

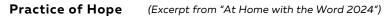
Pasta, sauce, coffee, and boxed potatoes

"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace.

And always be thankful." -Colossic

-Colossians 3:15

GRATEFUL





Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the last Sunday of our liturgical year. There is much we can continue to learn about who Jesus is and thus who we are called to become, as we hear him testify to the truth even in the face of being handed over to Pilate for torturous persecution.

Jesus reminds Pilate that the kingdom is not yet here. How can you work to continue to bring forth the kingdom on earth today? What is the action you can take this week to proclaim the truth you have learned from Jesus?

Let us reflect on how we have journeyed with our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, throughout this past liturgical year. How have you pierced Jesus? How have you brought the humble, service-oriented truth Jesus proclaims to those around you? Bring these reflections to your prayer.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for any gift you may give.



The Parish of the Holy Cross will hold its collection for the Catholic Ministries Appeal this weekend of November 23rd & 24th.

You may find your Catholic Ministries Appeal envelope in your envelope pack, or you can find envelopes and brochures on the tables in the Atrium.

Please find more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at: www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

"Let there be Light"



After 30 years the lighting system of our parish is breaking down and needs to be repaired, and the obsolete electrical panel must be updated.

For this reason, we are doing a special fundraiser to cover the cost of the Worship Area's lighting system and electrical panel repair and upgrade.

This is an expensive undertaking, and we need your help.

You can find envelopes for the "Let there be Light" fundraiser in the atrium.

We are grateful for your support as a faithful community, together assisting in maintaining the facility, so we can offer Masses, Baptisms, Communions, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals here at Holy Cross.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Parish Office.

God bless you and Thank You for being part of "Let there be Light."

Next weekend we will have a special collection for the Religious Retirement.Fund. Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



An Invitation to Advent Prayer

In the busyness of this Advent season, why not take some time away with God?

Join us for a special prayer experience incorporating Dallas Jenkins' film, The Shepherd.

Wednesday, December 11, 1:30 - 2:30 PM or Thursday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

All parishioners are invited.

Please fill in the tear-off below and return to the Parish Office by December 9th.

I will attend Advent Prayer on	Wed., Dec. 11, at 1:30 PM	Thurs., Dec. 12, at 7:00 PM
Name:	1	Phone:

WE GROW IN OUR FAITH



LEVEL 1

Advent Wreath Craft on Monday, November 25th, at 7pm in the Atrium



We are looking for Level 8 students to help Level 1 students with this craft.

Please contact the Religious Education office by email: religioused@holycrossrc.org or call 631-265-2200.

Please bring your Advent Wreath back to Mass next weekend, November 30th or December 1st, to have your wreath blessed.



Advent: A Time of Holy Waiting

Welcome Fr. Larry Lewis to Holy Cross

Guest Celebrant at all Masses the weekend of November 30 & December 1



Fr. Larry is a Maryknoll priest whose ministry is based at Cormaria Retreat House in Sag Harbor. He regularly offers retreats, missions, and days of prayer. He is also a Spiritual Director.

Fr. Larry has an engaging personality and offers keen insights into the spiritual journey. We are blessed to have him join us for this holy season.

Fr. Larry will also offer an evening of prayer on Monday, December 2nd.



We Wait for God.

God Waits for Us...

and in the Meantime?

Join us, Monday, December 2nd, at 7:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join **BISHOP ANDRZEJ** this Fall for the monthly times of prayer and reflection called



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Banns of Marriage

Diana Panarello & Bryan Spinella Deidre Connor & Miguel Madeira

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

- Revelation 1:5-6

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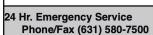
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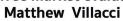




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