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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.

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."



He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus said to him in reply,
"What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Immediately, he received his sight and followed him on the way.

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 27, 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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PASTORAL TEAM

(closed 12:15-1 PM)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9 AM - 4 PM

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Parish Office FRIDAY HOURS 9 AM - 12 NOON

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Dr. Vincent Mazurek

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Mrs. Susan Ribeiro **Bulletin Editor**

NEW OUTREACH HOURS: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Evening Hours by Appointment Only

The Parish Office is CLOSED on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st for ALL SAINTS' DAY

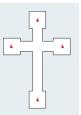
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

-Psalm 126:3

Visit our website at **www.holycrossrc.org** for more information on how we can serve you.



OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN TOGETHER



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Last Sunday I attended a gala luncheon at the Bellport Country Club. This was the final event in a year-long celebration for the seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Sylvester's Parish in Medford. I served in that parish from 1993 to 2006.

It was wonderful to see so many people with whom I shared parish life for thirteen years. There were moments when it felt like I was taking a memory test. I would recognize a face, but it would take me a while to remember the name. There is always something humbling in being reminded of the aging process which no one can escape. And everyone agrees that the passing of years happens far faster than any of us would choose. How can it be that kids who I trained to be altar servers now have kids of their own who are altar servers? We shared lots of memories. Occasions like this remind us of how our lives become woven together in a beautiful way. There are times when we share good times, times when we share bad times, and other times when it is simply in the routine of life where our lives intersect. There is an appreciation of how the very gift of presence made a difference in our lives. And even though people will come and go in our lives (it has been 19 years since I was assigned there), the bonds and the connections do not go away.

I knew about half the people in the room. The other half were strangers to me. Life in that parish continued to move forward after I left. There will always be a flow and movement of priests, staff, and parishioners. No parish hinges on any one person. The life and energy of the community is ever changing and ever growing. The span of our time in any given place will always be a single piece to an on-going story that is bigger than any of us.

There is something nostalgic and reminiscent about being united with folks from our past who shared a common experience. Certainly a high school reunion affords this kind of experience. But there is something unique about a parish dynamic. The common factor that unites people is that this is the place where the journey of faith gets lived out. These are people with whom we explore the gifts and mystery of our God. It's not just a random group of nice people who come together, it is a living faith community that we share in. When we can appreciate that larger picture, it may make us feel smaller. But as long as we understand we are deeply connected to our God and one another, that is all we need to be at peace and find joy. It's not about me, it's about all of us. And all of us are embraced by a loving God.



ON THE CALENDAR

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CELEBRANTS FOR
NEXT WEEKEND'S
MASSES



NOVEMBER 2

5:00 PM FR. FRANK

NOVEMBER 3

8:00 AM FR. FRANK

9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 3

- + Deuteronomy 6:2-6
- + Hebrews 7:23-28
- + Mark 12:28b-34

Saturday, October 26th 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP
Saturday, October 26th 5:00PM after Mass, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY
Sunday, October 27thAll Masses, Atrium	THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UP
Sunday, October 27th 9:30AM & 11:30AM after Mass, Atri	YCC HOSPITALITY
Monday, October 28th7:00PM, Worship Area	LEVEL 3 ROSARY NIGHT
Tuesday, October 29th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Tuesday, October 29th 7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	OCIA (RCIA)
Wednesday, October 30th 2:00PM, Chapel	GRANDPARENTS' GROUP
Wednesday, October 30th6:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	FALL FESTIVAL FOLLOW-UP
Wednesday, October 30th 7:00PM - 8:45PM, Atrium, Chapel	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, October 31st 1:30PM - 3:15PM, Atrium, Chapel	THE CHOSEN
Friday, November 1st9:00AM & 7:00PM, Worship Area	ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES
Friday, November 1st THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED	ALL SAINTS' DAY
Saturday, November 2nd 11:00AM, Worship Area	ALL SOULS' DAY MASS
Saturday, November 2nd3:45PM - 4:45PM, Worship Area	HOLY HOUR
Sunday, November 3rdAfter 9:30AM Mass, Worship Area	ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Sunday, November 3rd 11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday, November 3rd 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS

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 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, October 27, 9AM Masses

Mon. Barbara Sherry

Tue. Susanna Mary Bautista & Mark Bautista

(living)

Wed. Bob DeFilippis **Thu.** Marie Shultz

Friday, November 1, All Saints' Day Masses 9:00 AM Neal & Concetta Romano

7:00 PM Fr. Dan Picciano

Saturday, November 2, 5 PM Mass

All Souls' Mass Remembrances

Sunday, November 3, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM All Souls' Mass Remembrances **9:30 AM** All Souls' Mass Remembrances **11:30 AM** All Souls' Mass Remembrances



The **Bread and Wine** for the week of October 27-November 2 have been donated in loving memory of

Larry Franzese

by Nancy & Tom Ciorciari.



Sunday, November 3rd, will be the next date that the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 9:30AM Mass



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



THE MASS & THE GIFT



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



What do you think of when you hear the word "gift"? Do you think of something or someone? For today, let us focus on the Mass and a different sense of gift that operates in the Mass. The Roman Missal says in its instructions for the offertory, "It is desirable that the faithful express their participation by making an offering, bringing forward bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist and perhaps other gifts to relieve the needs of the Church and of the poor."

We definitely do bring forth gifts at Mass: bread and wine, money, and food to feed the poor. We also bring forth our very bodies as an offering of love. We certainly are not telling God, we are here, please do something for me! Actually, the proper sense of offering a gift at Mass is revealed in the Old Testament. In the book of Deuteronomy, God through Moses, gives instructions for offering a thanksgiving sacrifice in light of a successful harvest. Read the exact reference in Deuteronomy 26:5-10 to fully understand. The speaker is not trying to butter God up.

The Offertory at Mass is truly not simply about us bringing things forward to God. What God wants is not an economic exchange, but fully our hearts, our minds, and our wills offered at the altar. The Offertory prepares us to give ourselves over as an act of love in response to the love that God has already offered to us. What is important is that we come forth to the altar of God, giving whatever we have, whoever we are. Besides the bread and wine and the collection revenue that is brought forward, you and I and all our imperfections are also placed upon that altar. Those chosen from the congregation to do this at Mass represent each of us, as if each person sitting at Mass comes forward with their own gift. Rejoice in these words from St. Ignatius of Loyola:

"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, which is enough for me."

Have a blessed, safe, and prayerful week ahead!

PARISH OUTREACH





for an Outreach family?

SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 26th & 27th AT THE OUTREACH TABLE IN THE ATRIUM

Any parishioner interested in participating in our Thanksgiving Basket Program* can sign up after all the Masses this weekend.

We will do our best to assign everyone a basket.

We thank you in advance for your patience.

* Please note that you must be able to bring in the Thanksgiving Basket on Sunday, November 17th, between 3pm-5pm to the Atrium.

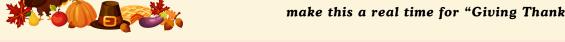
Each volunteer shopper will be responsible for buying and packaging the food and will be given the following:

- Menu
- Shopping list
- Supermarket gift cards to cover the cost

The completed baskets will be brought to the Parish Center on Sunday, November 17th, between 3pm-5pm.

If you are unable to do a basket, but would still like to support this program, donations of money or supermarket gift cards will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes marked "Thanksgiving" can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Outreach office.

We are grateful for anything you can do to make this a real time for "Giving Thanks."





PARISH OUTREACH



Outreach is currently in need of the following items for the food pantry.

The collection will be next weekend, November 2 & 3.

Coffee - Tea
Juice - bottles of juice and/or juice boxes
Mayo - Ketchup
Bars of Soap - Dish Soap
Laundry Soap (small bottle please)

Thank you for checking expiration dates before donating.

Thank you for the donations of bags for our pantry.
We are not accepting any more at this time. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support!

All Souls' Mass of Remembrance 2024

We invite all of our parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year or who are still grieving a loss in their life, to join us for a special Mass of prayer and remembrance.

This year, our Liturgy will be celebrated on the Feast of All Souls,

Saturday, November 2nd, at 11AM in the Worship Area

All are welcome to join us for this special Mass which celebrates your loved one's place in the Communion of Saints.



This Bereavement Group is for anyone dealing with grief.

HOLIDAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet on Wednesdays
from 1:30PM - 3:30PM on the following dates:
November 6th, November 13th and November 20th

For those who are grieving a loss, the holidays can be a particularly difficult time. Grief is like taking the color out of your world at any time of the year, yet during a holiday those grieving often experience a more intense sense of loss.

We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this time. You may be able to put the rainbow back in your life.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please cal<mark>l Outreach at 631-2</mark>65-2200 by November 4th to register.

"Come to m<mark>e, all who</mark> are weary and find life burdensome, and I w<mark>ill</mark> refresh yo<mark>u.</mark>" Matthew 11:28

WE GROW IN OUR FAITH





Level 3 Rosary Night

on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7PM in the Worship Area

Children's Liturgy of the Word Is Back!



Join Us for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, at the 11:30 AM Mass, every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

During the Mass, children from Kindergarten through 4th Grade will be invited to move to a separate space and hear God's Word in age-appropriate language. Older children are welcome to assist as helpers. Don't miss this special opportunity for the entire family to experience Mass in a more meaningful way.







Are you in fourth grade (or above) and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Girls and boys interested in serving are invited to come to 2 training sessions and find out all that is involved in being an Altar Server. At the end of the 2 training sessions, you will be able to assist at Mass as an Altar Server. It is a commitment to serve at Mass approximately twice a month.

Training will be held from 4:30pm - 5:30pm on Thursdays, November 14th & 21st.

Please call the parish office at 631-265-2200 to register.

If you are interested, but there is a conflict with training dates, please contact the office to accommodate your schedule.



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Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

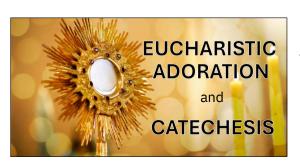
Today's readings highlight the joy of sight and the joy that comes with following Jesus. Though we may "go forth weeping" (Psalm 126:6) or stumble along the way, we indeed carry seeds that we must choose to sow with those same tears. Jesus is our companion as we work to reap joy.

Bartimaeus chooses courage as he tells Jesus he wants to see. Jesus heals him, and Bartimaeus can see both physically and spiritually. In your prayer this week, take courage and talk to Jesus: What is preventing you from seeing? How can this conversation with Jesus help you recognize what you need to do to be filled with the joy of the Lord?

After your conversation with Jesus, commit an action you can take to move toward healing, to gain clear vision.



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ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information Call - 516.744.6850 Email - worship@drvc.org



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

EUCHARISTIC HORIZONS

exploring the deeper understanding of our mysteries of life in the light of perpetual gift of grace and real presence of Jesus in **His Sacrament of Love**

October 29, 2024 "Eucharist -Feast of the Lamb" November 26, 2024 **December 17, 2024** At 7:00 pm

Church of St. Paul the Apostle 2534 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville



HOLY HOUR ~ EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Please come and spend some time with the Lord in personal prayer as you pray before the **Blessed Sacrament** during the Parish Holy Hour.

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- · Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej For Scripture Reflection Series

on JESUS and NICODEMUS Wednesday, November 6, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verse

NICODEMUS the PHARISEE

Living the New Life in Spirit Gospel of John 3. 1-21



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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OUR PARISH COMMUNITY





COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

ALL SOULS' MASS CANDLE PROCESSION

Attn: 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!
Saturday, November 2nd, 10AM - 12 Noon

- (Practice is at 10:00, Mass begins at 11:00)
- Dress Code: Dress "Nicely." If possible, wear black pants/skirt and white shirt. No tee-shirts, shorts or flip-flops.
- Please note: This is a solemn Mass in which people remember their loved ones who have passed away. Students must be wellbehaved and need to sit quietly through the Mass.

To register, send an email to Angela & Susan at youthcc@holycrossrc.org

and/or join our Remind group to receive a SignUpGenius link.

Sign up for Remind at: rmd.at/ycchc





First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Michael, Katrina, and Rihanna Binparuis, who celebrated their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross on September 29th.

God Bless them as they continue their faith journey. Our Holy Cross family shares their joy!



Blessed Sacrament Council #11416 Parish of the Holy Cross

will have a table in the atrium during weekend Masses welcoming parishioners on the following weekends:

> November 9th/10th December 7th/8th

Stop by and purchase chances to help support Holy Cross and other charities

We welcome prospective members to join The Knights

kofc.org/joinus



Thank you to all the volunteers and all who participated in the Trunk or Treat this year.

Thank you to Paula Reese for coordinating this event for our families to enjoy.

We appreciate the time and talent given to make this happen!

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