



# Parish of the Holy Cross



*Let All Who Enter Be Welcomed as Christ!*

## **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.

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven,  
when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble,  
  
and the day that is coming will set them on fire,  
leaving them neither root nor branch,  
says the Lord of hosts.

*But for you who fear my name, there will arise  
the sun of justice with its healing rays.*

-Malachi 3:19-20a

## **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 16, 2025**



## **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



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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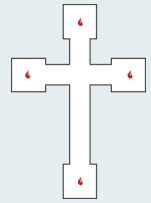
**NEW OUTREACH HOURS:**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only



Visit our website at **[www.holycrossrc.org](http://www.holycrossrc.org)**  
for more information on how we can serve you.



## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*

This past week was National Vocation Awareness Week. Ideally, this article should have been written for last week's bulletin. Sometimes I'm a little bit behind with these things. The intent of the week is to pray for and discuss vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Allow me to share with you some of the pieces of the path that led me to my vocation.

I would not describe my home life as being overly religious. We certainly went to Mass every Sunday. As a small child, I remember praying with my mom before going to bed. The house was not filled with statues or religious art. We did not gather as a family to say prayers together. We didn't light candles or have buckets of holy water sitting around. However, in unspoken ways, I knew faith was important to my mother. She was left to raise four children by herself after my father died of a heart attack. Somehow, I knew she consistently asked for God's wisdom and strength to walk the path on which she found herself.

I was a good and faithful altar boy from fourth through eighth grade. There were some perks in doing this work. I attended a Catholic school, and when there was a funeral, we would be taken out of class to serve. In serving weddings, there was an occasional \$2 gratuity from the groom or best man. Even beyond these valuable benefits, I enjoyed being an altar boy. I liked watching all the little things the priest did in preparing for Mass and setting the altar. I thought it was interesting, although I did not have any burning desire to do those things myself.

What first drew me to start thinking about priesthood was the idea of preaching. It started around the seventh grade. I used to listen to the homilies, and quite honestly, I was often bored. I'm sure there were many fine homilies being offered, but they just didn't speak to the heart of my twelve or thirteen-year-old self. I sat there and imagined what I would say if I were in the pulpit. I don't know if it was divine grace or arrogance, but I remember thinking to myself, "I think I could do a better job than that." It was probably in the summer before eighth grade that I first said, "Maybe this is what I am supposed to do with my life."

I attended St. Pius X High School in Uniondale. At the time it was the Diocesan High School Seminary. While I had thought about priesthood, I was not gung-ho certain this was what I wanted to do. My primary attraction to the school was that it was small and felt safe. It would suit me well as I was a shy and nervous kid. Once there, I picked up on the energy of priesthood. I was impressed by the "holy roller" spirit of some of the students. I saw that the priests on the faculty all seemed happy and normal. I had a few memorable retreat and prayer experiences. During my four years there it became clear - this is the path I was called to walk.

I continued my way through the seminary system. I attended Cathedral College in Douglaston and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. I was never a great student, and I always found academics difficult. But I pushed through and did what I needed to do. I was ordained at the age of twenty-seven (I looked fifteen.)

It was not until I was immersed in parish life that the fullness of priesthood came to life. Being in relationship with a community of faith brought abundant life to me as I served them. It is always the people of God that bring abundance of grace to my ministry. What a life of blessings it has been!

Pray for vocations.

NOVEMBER 2025

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# ON THE CALENDAR

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**NOVEMBER 22**

**5:00 PM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**NOVEMBER 23**

**8:00 AM**

**FR. MICHAEL**

**9:30 AM**

**FR. FRANK**

**11:30 AM**

**FR. FRANK**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS for NOVEMBER 23

**+ 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

**+ Colossians 1:12-20**

**+ Luke 23:35-43**

**Sunday, November 16th** ..... **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room**

**Sunday, November 16th** ..... **TG BASKET DROPOFF**  
**3:00PM - 5:00PM, Atrium**

**Tuesday, November 18th** ..... **IN STITCHES**  
**10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Tuesday, November 18th** ..... **MOMS' GROUP**  
**7:30PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, November 19th** ..... **HOLIDAY BEREAVEMENT**  
**1:30PM - 3:00PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Wednesday, November 19th** ..... **GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER**  
**1:30PM, Chapel**

**Wednesday, November 19th** ..... **ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE**  
**7:00PM - 8:30PM, Worship Area**

**Thursday, November 20th** ..... **SCRIPTURE STUDY**  
**10:00AM, Atrium**

**Thursday, November 20th** ..... **THE CHOSEN**  
**1:30PM, Chapel, Atrium**

**Thursday, November 20th** ..... **OCIA**  
**7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room**

**Saturday, November 22nd** ..... **YCC HOSPITALITY**  
**5:00PM after Mass, Atrium**

**Sunday, November 23rd** ..... **BAPTISMS**  
**1:00PM, Worship Area**

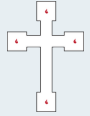
**Sunday, November 23rd** ..... **HOLY CROSS CONCERT**  
**5:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area**

This weekend, November 15 & 16, we will be collecting for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

CCHD is an essential part of the Church in the United States' social mission, and a unique part of the Catholic community's broad commitment to assist low-income people, families and communities.

Visit our website at [www.holycrossrc.org](http://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



## Upcoming Mass Intentions

### Week of Sunday, November 16

#### 9:00AM Masses:

**Mon.** Janet Mangano (living)

**Tues.** Thomas Kearnes

**Wed.** Concetta Brady

**Thur.** Barbara McKasson

### Saturday, November 22, 5PM Mass

Linda DiOrio, Luis Pelaez,  
Gerald Pisapia, Salvatore Carlino Sr.,  
Steven Battista, Santo Minutoli

### Sunday, November 23, Masses Christ the King

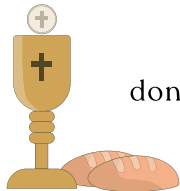
**8:00AM** People of the Parish

**9:30AM** Gloria Posimato, Manuel Coelho,  
Francisco Veloso, Gerald Pisapia,  
Tony DeBari, Bob Swiatko

**11:30AM** Genevieve Ireland

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

Bob Alderdice	Caroline Lazar
Alejandro Astegiano	Carol Leahy
Jo Barry	Victor Lewandowski
Kathy Barry	Mary Lopez
Alison Bilski	Gerald Losquadro
Cole Brennan	Viola Malek
Laurie Bronzino	Jeanne Marie Malley
Veronica Buscemi	Janet Mangano
Judy Carlson	Steve Matonti
Mary Champagne	Olivia Melia
Peter Chirafisi	Geraldine Muscarnera
William Ciccarella	Loretto Narducci
Stephen Crawford	Andrea Nocito
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus	Darin Pitkanen
Grayson Danielski	Patricia Pitkanen
Anthony DeGennaro	Colleen Prinz
Manuela Diaz	Carina Ranieri
Peter DiMauro	Bernardine Reichbach
Ann Egan	Rob Remhild
Lisa Eger	Christine Ridulfo
Vincent Esposito	Lynn Rodger
Ralph Farino	Sean Romeo
Yolanda Fattarusso	Elaine Ruane
Sienna Fricke	Jacqueline Santamaria
Linda Giordano	Casey Schultz
James Greene	Kathy Schwinn
Linda Heinrichs	John Serri
Ralph Hughes	Celeste Sichenze
Ryan Huscher	Todd Skala
Debbie Jablinowski	Sue Southard
Kristen Kennedy	Bill Tanner
	Calvin Tatone
	Grace Van Epps
	Peter Warns



The **Bread and Wine**  
for the week have been  
donated in loving memory of  
**Joseph Santamaria**  
by his family.



## Banns of Marriage

Cynthia Knott & Anthony LoCascio

Alexa Ilowite & Michael Sclafani

Jenna Fanelli & Vincent Matula



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

**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.**

*My son, be attentive to my words;  
incline your ear to my sayings.  
Let them not escape from your sight;  
keep them within your heart.  
For they are life to him who finds them,  
and healing to all his flesh.*



Proverbs 4:20-22





# PARISH OUTREACH



## Thanksgiving Basket Program

***If you were assigned a basket,  
please drop off your completed Thanksgiving Basket  
on Sunday, November 16th, from 3pm - 5pm  
in the Parish Center.***

### **REMINDER:**

**If you drop off your basket during Mass on Sunday, November 16th,  
please place the basket in the Father Joe Room.**

**Please make sure your basket and any other parcels are clearly marked  
with the family number assigned to you. Thank you!**

**Please make every effort to get baskets here by November 16th.**

***We thank you in advance for your help in making the Thanksgiving Basket Program a huge success.***



**HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT**

### ***Holiday Bereavement***

*This Bereavement Group is open to anyone who is dealing with grief.*

**We will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. The dates are as follows: November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**If interested, please call Kelley at Holy Cross Outreach at 631-265-2200 by November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**We welcome you to share, listen and find companionship with others who are encountering grief at this time.**

For those who are grieving a loss,  
the holidays can be a particularly difficult time.  
We invite you to join us for a two session Bereavement group focusing  
on coping with grief during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Christmas Outreach Elves Needed

During the busy Christmas season, Outreach is looking for some helping hands.

We are looking for help in sorting donated items after each Mass for a few weekends  
in late November and early December.

If you could lend a hand, please contact Kelley at the Outreach office at 631-265-2200.



# Be an Angel this Christmas!



**ANGEL TAGS are available this weekend, Nov. 15 & 16, in the COLOR-CODED baskets in the Atrium and on the marble pillars on the Altar.**



**BLUE Families of the Holy Cross Outreach Program**

Once again, we are requesting gift cards for both clothing and toys for the households in our area that Outreach assists. Therefore, the BLUE TAGS have requests for a store gift card on them. We encourage you to consider providing a holiday gift card so that our neighbors are able to purchase the items that best fulfill their family's needs.



**RED Our friends at Olsen's Rest Home**

The RED TAGS have a gift listed on the tag, but please DO NOT WRAP the gift, just attach the angel tag to the top of the package.



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

The PURPLE TAGS have a request for a store gift card, but please DO NOT WRAP the gift card, just attach the angel tag to the gift card when dropping off.



**GREEN Toys for children in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto**

The GREEN TAGS have a request for a store gift card, but please DO NOT WRAP the gift card, just attach the angel tag to the gift card when dropping off.



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

The ORANGE TAGS have a request for a store gift card, but please DO NOT WRAP the gift card, just attach the angel tag to the gift card when dropping off.



**PINK Supermarket cards** will enable a family to have a special meal, **gas cards** allow for a family to visit doctors, and **drugstore cards** allow a family to buy medicine.

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

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 3 weekends at Mass or dropped off during the week at the Parish Office.

**PLEASE NOTE. Sunday, December 7th, is the last day to return gifts and gift cards.**

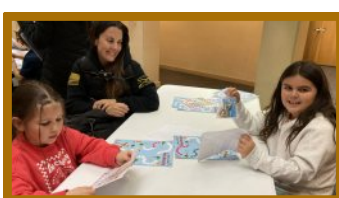
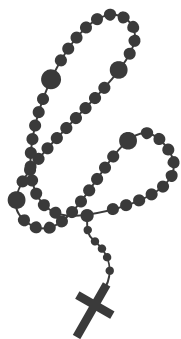
*Many thanks to our Holy Cross Angels who give so generously each year to make our Angel Program successful!*



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## LEVEL 3 – ROSARY NIGHT

Our Level 3 students attended Mass during the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and they received their rosary beads. On Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the students came back with their rosary beads, enjoyed a prayerful lesson on the rosary and learned to say a decade of the rosary. They also enjoyed a craft at the end of the night.



*Looking ahead...*



## ADVENT WREATH CRAFT

on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the Atrium

Please bring your Advent Wreath back to Mass during the weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> to have your wreath blessed.

Level 1







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Focus on Religious Freedom

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

## Congress Must Act to Protect Religious Workers

A major staffing crisis is looming for religious ministries throughout the United States, unless Congress passes and the President signs the bi-partisan Religious Workforce Protection Act to alleviate a major backlog in processing Religious Worker Visa applications.

Under current law, foreign born religious workers are permitted to live and work in the United States for up to five years through the nonimmigrant religious worker (R-1) visa. During that time, they may apply for and receive permanent residency.

However, over the last five years Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Tim Kaine (D-Virginia) have repeatedly raised concerns with the State Department and Department of Homeland Security about the increasing backlog in processing these applications, forcing foreign born religious workers to leave after five years, for at least a year.

That backlog, they point out, is “costing churches, mosques, synagogues, and other religious organizations the beloved religious workers on whom their congregations, and the local communities that they serve, have grown to depend.”

This is forcing departure of increasing numbers of Catholic priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States, leaving parishes, hospitals, schools, and other ministries understaffed, and Catholics without access to sacraments and spiritual care.

The Religious Workforce Protection Act, sponsored by Sens. Collins, Kaine, and Jim Risch (R-Idaho), and a companion bill in the House of Representatives sponsored by Reps. Mike Carey (R-Ohio) and Richard Neal (D-Massachusetts), would empower the Department of Homeland Security to extend temporary R-1 nonimmigrant status for religious workers past five years, so they can remain in the country pending a decision on their permanent resident application.

The legislation is supported by religious leaders across a wide range of faith communities, including Catholic, Jewish, Evangelical, Episcopal, Muslim, and Hindu.

Please urge your U.S. Senators and Congressional Representative to support H.R. 2672 / S. 1298, the Religious Workforce Protection Act.

Read more: <https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/senators-collins-kaine-risch-introduce-religious-workforce-protection-act> <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/125641/Respond>



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who helped fill our pantry shelves for our Outreach families this last week. As SNAP benefits have been suspended, the need for food has increased and our pantry was struggling to keep up. The outpouring of support has been amazing! With a grateful heart, I thank you. I will continue to monitor our pantry needs as we continue to serve our neighbors during this time. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

*-Kelley from 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:

***Canned Fruit, Rice, 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."*

*-Colossians 3:15*



### Practice of Hope

*(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2025")*

If you're of a certain age, you likely know the song by the band R.E.M. with the chorus, "It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine." The point of today's Gospel is not fatalism or fear, because God determines the goal of time, and fear comes not from the dread of end times but from dread of not being included in God's goal. In a way, it's like the song says: At the end, as children of God, we should feel fine. Not a hair on our head will be destroyed if we are steadfast in faith and hope.

Read some hopeful news about the world - many good things are being done every day by ordinary men and women.

Pray against the temptation to fall into despair.

Donate money or other resources to victims of a natural disaster.





Featuring members of the Holy Cross Music Ministry

HOLY CROSS

# MUSIC MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

# Concert

**LIVE  
MUSIC**

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.

**5PM - Wine and Cheese Hospitality**  
(additional family-friendly snacks provided)

**5:30 PM Concert begins**  
(lasts approx. one hour)

*Bring a Friend  
and a Song in Your Heart*

**We ask that you kindly RSVP to this free event by Thursday, November 20th.**

*Please drop this slip into the basket during a Mass offering or return it to the parish office by Nov. 20th.*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Holy Cross Music Ministry Concert - November 23rd**



## PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



### GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER GROUP

*Grandparents fill the world with Love*

Our next meeting is on  
Wednesday, November 19th, at 1:30PM  
in the Chapel



### YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES HOSPITALITY

on Saturday, November 22

Our youth volunteers will be serving  
complimentary refreshments  
in the atrium after the 5PM Mass.



## In Stitches

Join us for conversation and laughs as we work on  
new or unfinished knitting, crocheting, quilting,  
needlepoint, crafts or sewing projects.

Tuesday, November 18th, 10AM, Fr. Joe Room

TO BENEFIT HOPE HOUSE MINISTRIES

# CHRISTMAS

WITH  
THE NEW YORK TENORS

DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 3:00PM

STARRING

**THE PATCHOGUE  
THEATRE**  
71 E. MAIN STREET  
PATCHOGUE, NY

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ ANDY COONEY CHRISTOPHER MACCHIO

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Sarah Juliano  
Songstress

accompanied by  
**The Big Apple Ensemble**  
with Musical Director PJ Cardinal

ALSO FEATURING

Hope House Ministries  
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HIBERNIAN FESTIVAL SINGERS

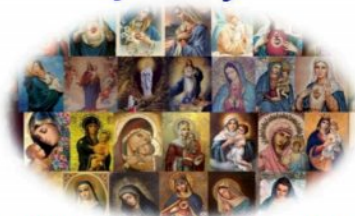
**TICKETS:**  
Orchestra Level: \$86.00 | Balcony Level: \$76.00 (no elevator to this level)  
Purchase tickets online: <http://www.patchoguetheatre.org>  
Box Office: 631-207-1313

Make your check out to Hope House Ministries and send to:  
Mill Pond Music, PO Box 735, Massapequa Park NY 11762

Groups of 20 Will Receive a \$10 Discount Per Ticket and 1 Complimentary  
Balcony Seats are not eligible for Group Sales

## A Celebration of Mary at the Seminary

Sunday  
December 7  
2025



10 am  
to  
2 pm

*Journey to the Heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality and the Arts*

Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Steven R. Camp, Seminary Rector, followed by  
his presentation on the Theology and Spirituality of Mary.

Erin McAtee, Co-founder & Director of Arthouse 2B, will give a presentation  
on the Beauty of Mary through art.

The program will conclude with lunch in the Seminary Refectory.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Seminary*

\$50 - Member of the Friends  
[bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

\$60 - Non-Member of the Friends  
(631) 423-0483 x 102

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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**

800 Portion Road  
Lake Ronkonkoma

is having a

**Christmas Craft Fair Fundraiser**

on Sunday, December 7th, 2025

from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

in the Parish Hall

Handmade Crafts, Gifts,

Christmas Items,

Gift Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle,

Bake Sale,

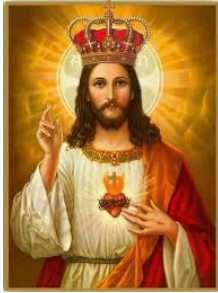
Food & Refreshments

Over 50 Vendors

**FREE ADMISSION**



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



Please join us...

## Feast of Christ the King

November 22 & 23, 2025

for the

**Re-Commissioning of all Parish Liturgical Ministers**  
at all Masses that weekend

Each year on the feast of Christ the King, Holy Cross parish invites those who serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Musicians and Sacristans to recommit to carrying out those roles for another year.

*We thank all those who enhance our Liturgies  
for serving our parish with dedication and generosity.*

### Moms' Group

Our next meeting is  
**Tuesday, November 18th**  
in the Fr. Joe Room.

**\*NEW TIME\* 7:30PM**



Moms of  
All Ages & All Stages  
Welcome!



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

We are in need of additional young people to help serve at Mass.  
This is an important ministry that benefits the entire parish.  
You will be taught everything you need to know.  
You will be scheduled to serve once or twice a month.

If interested, please call or e-mail Fr. Michael  
[frmholycross@gmail.com](mailto:frmholycross@gmail.com) 631-265-2200



**HOLY  
CROSS**



**MUSIC  
MINISTRY**



**is looking for people to join the Christmas Adult Choir  
that will sing on Christmas Eve at the 6pm Mass.**

*(especially in need of basses and tenors but all voice parts welcome!)*



**We will be rehearsing  
on the following dates:**

Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 7PM-8:30PM

Monday, Dec. 1st, 7PM-8:30PM

Monday, Dec. 15th, 7PM-8:30PM

Wednesday, Dec. 17th (if needed), 7PM-8:30PM



**If interested,  
please reach out to the parish office  
and leave a message for Brian Reich,  
our Director of Music Ministry,  
or stop by and see Brian at Mass!**

**Thank you!**

# 2025

*Catholic Ministries Appeal*  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist  
Sent on Mission*



The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. Going out on Mission - for the life of the World is the most important phase, where we go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another.

It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity. Every year, the annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love.

Please consider joining us again this year by making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.



**100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**We will be collecting for CMA next weekend, November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***All 2025 pledges must be received by December 31, 2025***

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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**To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

***CMA Brochures are located on the tables in the Atrium for your convenience.***



# Christmas Wreaths, Centerpieces & More

Please bring payment with completed order form to the parish office.

Payment can be made by cash, credit card, Venmo,  
or check made out to "Parish of the Holy Cross."



Photos are representations of actual items. Greenery and decorations may differ from photos based on availability.

**Pre-Order deadline date is November 23rd.**

**Please bring your order to the parish office by 11/23 for PRE-ORDER PRICES.**



Photos of tin and basket show products without the greenery. Greenery will be added to the final product.



PRODUCTS	Pre-Order Prices	Regular Prices	QTY.	Total
6 ½ inch Poinsettia RED	\$13 each	\$15 each		
6 ½ inch Poinsettia WHITE	\$13 each	\$15 each		
12 inch Wreath UNDECORATED	\$25 each	\$30 each		
12 inch Wreath DECORATED	\$35 each	\$40 each		
Log Centerpieces w/greenery & candle	\$40 each	\$50 each		
Small Happy Snowman Tin	\$25 each	\$30 each		
6 inch Basket of Joy w/greenery	\$30 each	\$35 each		

Extra items will be available for purchase on the pick up dates but will be sold at the regular price.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PICK UP YOUR ORDER AFTER MASS ON DECEMBER 6th & 7th IN THE ATRIUM.**

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