



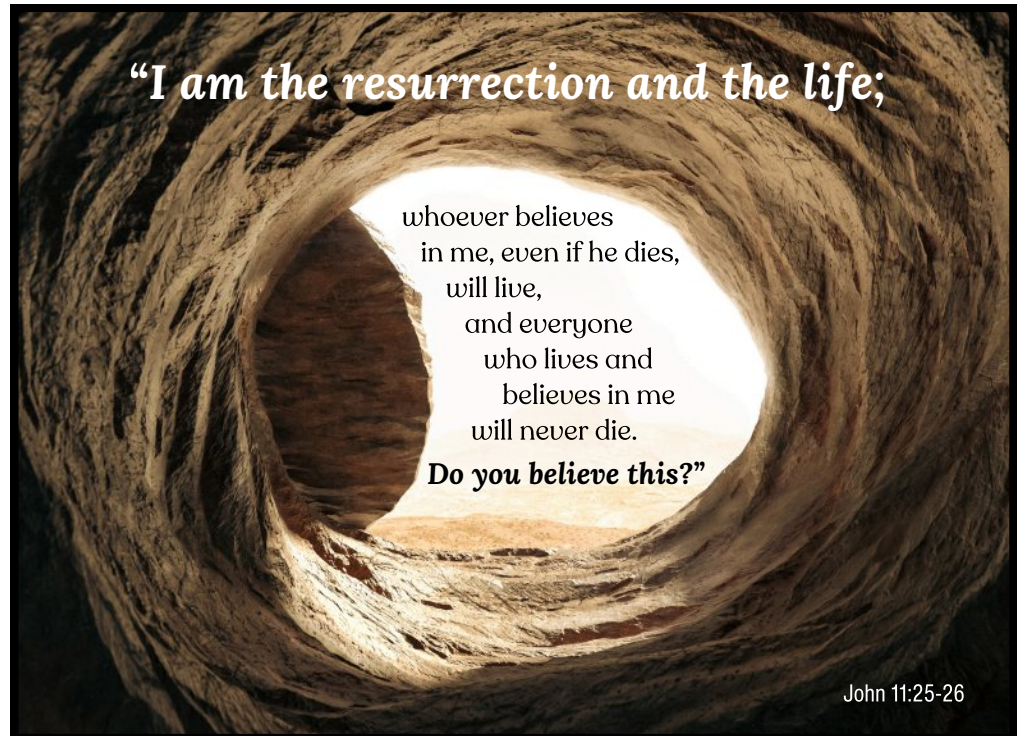
# Parish of the Holy Cross



*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.



## **Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026**



## **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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- Mr. Brian Reich  
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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**

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



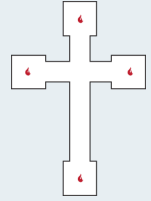
“Let your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight.”  
- Psalm 119:77

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for more information on how we can serve you.



# LIFE THROUGH DEATH

*Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael*



This weekend we hear the last of the three great Lenten stories. We have already heard of the Samaritan woman who was accepted by Jesus and the blind man who was given the gift of sight. This weekend we hear the ultimate story of redemption: Lazarus being raised from death to life. These stories serve as reminders of what the power of Christ can do: forgive, heal, and transform.

As with all of these stories, there is an abundance and depth to what is taught. Many of the details given will ring true to our experience in facing the death of a loved one.

- Mary the sister of Lazarus says, "If you had been here, my brother never would have died." How many of us have not felt the same? We feel God can do something to prevent death. It's almost scandalous that Jesus seems to allow the death to take place. As painful as it is, there are some things that only death can teach. There are times when those teachings are not welcome or seem ill-timed.
- Jesus shares in the tears of those who mourn his death. Tears can reflect a deep sadness and sense of loss. But at the same time, those same tears can reflect a tremendous sense of joy and gratitude for having shared in the gift of love with another.
- Jesus instructs those present to "untie Lazarus and let him go free." These are beautiful words, as often we need to help untie the burdens that others carry. Although it seems ultimate and final, in death there is freedom and new life, particularly for one who suffered a long time.

May we allow this great story to lead us through the difficult reality of death. God's gift of life will always be stronger than the greatest challenges we face in this life. We pray the power of the Paschal Mystery, Christ's death and resurrection, may be our foundation of hope.

On a different note, throughout my years of priesthood there have been revisions in the way in which the sacraments are celebrated. There have not been any radical changes, but some of the prayers have changed. For example, do you remember when we switched from "And also with you" to "And with your spirit"? That came about when the Sacramentary was replaced by the New Roman Missal in 2006.

There are books called rituals or rite books containing the necessary prayers the priest uses. During my time as a priest, all of our sacraments have been tweaked in one way or another, except for the Anointing of the Sick. But now that is changing as well. I have not reviewed all the changes yet, but my old ritual is no longer the official prayer of the Church. I have a sense of sadness as I need to retire this book. I have used the same book since I was ordained. It has a lot of "mileage" on it. The pages are worn and stained with residue of the Oil of the Sick. Several times parishioners have offered to buy me a new copy as they see me flip through my old and tattered edition. I have declined. I used this book with Michael, who was the very first person I was with at the moment of death. He was a young man who died of AIDS in 1990. I used this book when I anointed my mother. There are a lot of memories of being present in some difficult settings, yet beautiful moments of grace. It will always have a special place on my bookshelf and in my heart. Now I break in the updated edition as I move forward in ministry.

Please pray that there be no rain next Saturday before the 5:00 Mass. (And certainly, pray there will be no snow!) We are planning a special reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We ask everyone to gather in the courtyard as that is where Mass will begin. This will be a new experience for Holy Cross. It will involve children of the parish, and I am hopeful it will be an engaging moment of prayer.

2026

MARCH

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29	30	31				

# ON THE CALENDAR

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES



**MARCH 28**

5:00 PM

FR. MICHAEL

**MARCH 29**

8:00 AM

FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM

FR. MICHAEL



## SCRIPTURE READINGS for MARCH 29

+ Isaiah 50:4-7

+ Philippians 2:6-11

+ Matthew 26:14-27:66

At the procession  
+ Matthew 21:1-11

<b>Saturday, March 21st</b> .....	<b>YCC HOSPITALITY</b>
After 5:00PM Mass, Atrium	
<b>Sunday, March 22nd</b> .....	<b>3rd SCRUTINY</b>
11:30AM Mass, Worship Area, Fr. Joe Room	
<b>Sunday, March 22nd</b> .....	<b>YCC HOSPITALITY</b>
After 11:30AM Mass, Atrium	
<b>Sunday, March 22nd</b> .....	<b>BAPTISMS</b>
1:00PM, Worship Area	
<b>Monday, March 23rd</b> .....	<b>SPECIAL NEEDS</b>
4:00PM - 6:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium	
<b>Monday, March 23rd</b> .....	<b>LEVEL 8 INTERVIEWS</b>
5:45PM - 7:30PM, Atrium, Worship Area	
<b>Monday, March 23rd</b> .....	<b>TENEBRAE REHEARSAL</b>
7:30PM, Worship Area	
<b>Tuesday, March 24th</b> .....	<b>IN STITCHES</b>
10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	
<b>Wednesday, March 25th</b> .....	<b>SENIORS</b>
11:30AM - 2:30PM, Atrium	
<b>Wednesday, March 25th</b> .....	<b>LEVEL 2 FIRST PART MASS</b>
7:00PM, Worship Area, Atrium	
<b>Thursday, March 26th</b> .....	<b>SCRIPTURE STUDY</b>
10:00AM, Atrium	
<b>Thursday, March 26th</b> .....	<b>LEVEL 8 INTERVIEWS</b>
6:00PM - 8:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area	
<b>Thursday, March 26th</b> .....	<b>OCIA</b>
7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	
<b>Saturday, March 28th</b> .....	<b>CONFESSION</b>
2:30PM - 3:30PM, Chapel	



## Practice of Faith

(Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2026")

Jesus tells us as he told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." He asks us as he asks Martha, "Do you believe this?" Martha was asked this before Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead. She was asked to believe before witnessing the miracle. We are asked to do the same. After her profession of faith, Martha did see Lazarus rise from the dead. How do we strengthen our faith so that we honor the Lord's call? Try the following this week:

Pray using the method of lectio divina. Imagine you are Mary or Lazarus. Stand before the tomb. Listen to the voice of Jesus say, "Lazarus, come out." Imagine the Lord saying your name and asking you to come out of your disbelief.

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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, March 22

#### 9:00AM Masses:

**Mon.** Shawn Success  
**Tues.** Maryann Vasselmann  
**Wed.** Helen Dalamango  
**Thur.** Vito Ligabo

### Saturday, March 28, 5PM Mass

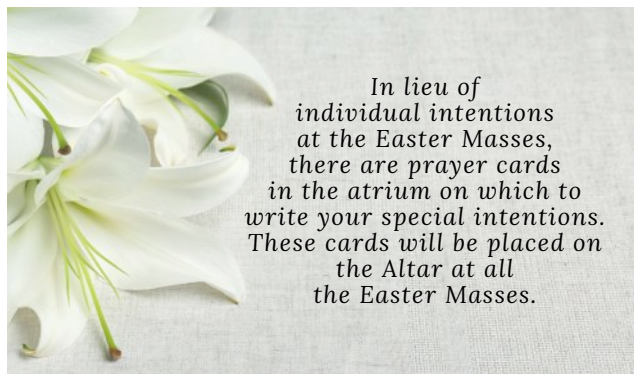
Steve Matonti, Henry & Mary Knipper,  
James E. Guiliano, Joseph Reali

### Sunday, March 29, Masses Palm Sunday

**8:00AM** People of the Parish  
**9:30AM** Gloria Posimato, Rose Gatto,  
Josephine O'Shea, Sharon Tuthill,  
Ercole Ricciardi  
**11:30AM** Carmela Guglielmo



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

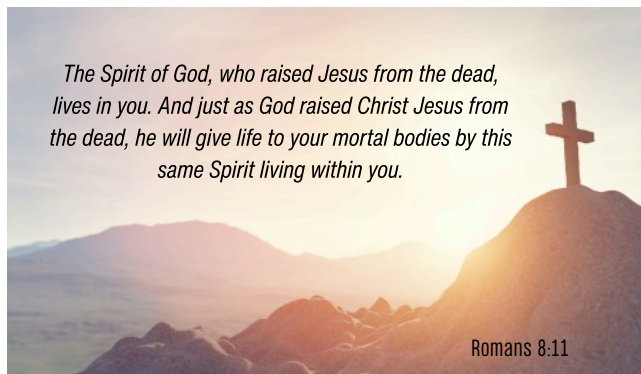


*In lieu of  
individual intentions  
at the Easter Masses,  
there are prayer cards  
in the atrium on which to  
write your special intentions.  
These cards will be placed on  
the Altar at all  
the Easter Masses.*

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

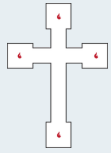
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Kathy Barry  
Alison Bilski  
Cole Brennan  
Laurie Bronzino  
Veronica Buscemi  
Judy Carlson  
Michael Castellano  
Mary Champagne  
Peter Chirafisi  
William Ciccarelli  
Stephen Crawford  
Kimberly Crawford-Arbocus  
Grayson Danielski  
Anthony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

**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.**



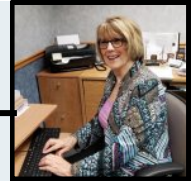
*The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead,  
lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from  
the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this  
same Spirit living within you.*

Romans 8:11



# FROM DEATH TO LIFE

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS *by Michele Hall*



## **For the Ride Home..... a Gospel Reflection for families**

### **What did you hear today in the Scriptures?**

**We are drawing closer to Easter which is the greatest time in the Church year. The readings today are preparing us for the Resurrection.** They also remind us that Jesus wants to bring us happiness even when we feel down, or fearful or even hopeless. We learn from the Gospel story that God brings life out of death, not just for Jesus' friend Lazarus, but for each of our hearts when we feel sad or far away from Him.



### **How can we live this out this week?**

This week try to make time to say a special prayer for someone in your family or in a friend's family that is in heaven. If you are unsure, ask one of your parents for a suggestion. If you do not know this person, maybe they have a picture to show you.

**Positive thought for the week:** *Jesus is stronger than death. He will never abandon us.*

*“Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad?  
I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again — my Savior and my God!”  
Psalm 42:5*

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2026

## **EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026**

**Masses:**  
**8:00 AM**  
**9:30 AM**  
**11:30 AM (LS)**

**(LS) = Also Live Streamed**

## **TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Monday, March 30, 2026: 7:30 PM (LS)

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)**

Wednesdays in Lent: after 9:00 AM Mass

Saturdays in Lent: 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM\*

\*Saturday, March 28: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Monday, March 30: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Holy Saturday, April 4: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM\*\*

## **PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026**

Saturday 3/28/26: 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM (LS)

## **HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 8:00 PM (LS)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

## **GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2026**

Children's Service - 12:00 Noon (LS)

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM (LS)

## **HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026**

Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM (LS)

\*\*No Afternoon Confessions or 5:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday

# PARISH LENTEN EVENTS



**Saturday, March 28th**  
at the  
**5pm Mass**

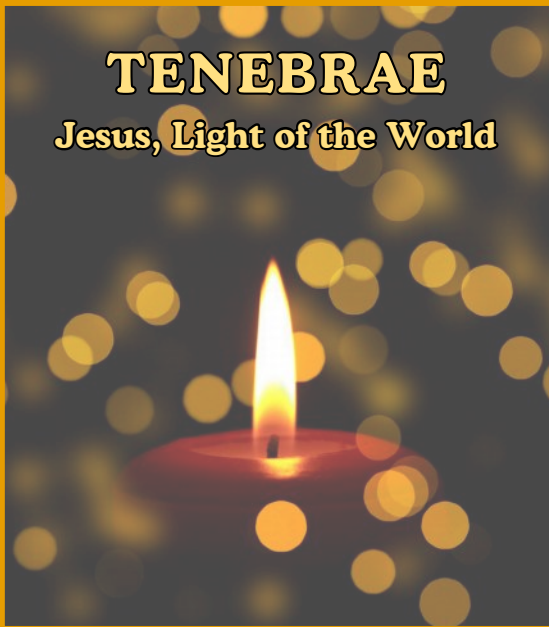
## Special Re-enactment of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

- The congregation is asked to gather in the courtyard.
- Palm will be distributed to all upon arrival.
- Mass will begin in the courtyard (weather permitting).
- For those who are unable to remain standing outside in the courtyard, one of our Ushers will help find you a seat in the Worship Area.
- At the conclusion of the special opening prayers, the solemn procession into the Worship Area will begin.



## TENEBRAE

Jesus, Light of the World



**Tenebrae** is a candlelight prayer service held in anticipation of our holiest week.

During **Tenebrae** (which means darkness), the candles are gradually dimmed as we experience **the Passion of Jesus Christ** through Scripture readings, meditations, and beautiful music.

We encourage all parishioners to join us for

**Tenebrae**  
on **Monday, March 30th, at 7:30PM**

as we prepare our hearts and minds for the great gift of Holy Week.

## Holy Week for Children

**Children's Good Friday Prayer Service**  
April 3rd at 12:00 Noon



During the holiest week of the Church year, we remember what Jesus did for us on Good Friday. Children and their families are invited to commemorate this important day at a special prayer service, designed especially for our youngest parishioners.

### Join Us...

bring your family,  
bring a friend.  
Let this holy day  
deepen your  
appreciation of God's  
great love for us!

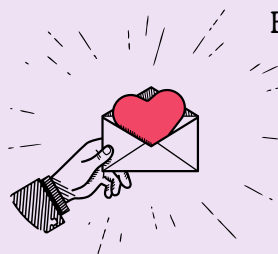
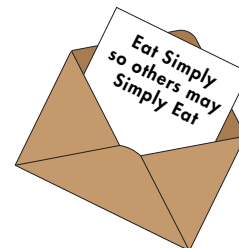
This service will be  
live-streamed.

# Eat Simply...So Others May Simply Eat



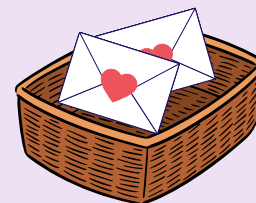
We wish to thank our parishioners for their support so far of the “Eat Simply” Program. Your generosity and spirit of prayerful sacrifice inspire us. We offer several more ideas for your Lenten journey:

- Brown bag your lunch
- Enjoy a soup and grilled cheese sandwich supper
- Order from the “dollar” menu
- Skip your cocktail or dessert at dinner
- 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.

**Parish Outreach**



## HOLY CROSS BEREAVEMENT

### **Newly Bereaved**

Come join us as we work together and share this journey. All are Welcome.

***Are you grieving the loss of a partner? Struggling to find your way through daily life?***

We all experience grief in our own unique way. When someone you love dies, your world suddenly changes, and you find yourself challenged to find new ways to live in it.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 1st, the Parish of the Holy Cross will be offering a **6-week support group for those who have lost a spouse or partner.**

*Support can help and make a real difference. Connecting with others to share stories, learning ways to cope all while receiving comprehensive, evidence-informed bereavement support and education can help with the grieving process and to gain ways to move forward.*

**The group will meet for six (6) consecutive Wednesdays, April 1st - May 6th, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Father Joe Room.**

If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Kelley in the Outreach office at 631-265-2200. **You must register before April 1st.**



Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your ongoing financial contributions and prayers for our many ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am writing today to ask you to help us once again to serve the Long Island community by making a gift to the 2026 CMA.

As we approach the holiest season of Easter, we focus on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, preparing through reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to embrace the hope and new life signified by Christ's victory over death.

Easter represents hope, redemption, and eternal life, a reminder that darkness gives way to new beginnings, a core message for daily living, not just a single day. As Pope Leo reminds us, the Risen One is found in "small daily acts of compassion and love toward others."

One simple but beautiful way of living Jesus' command to love is by participating in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which invites us to share in the Church's mission. Just last year, because of the funding received through the Appeal, ministries here on Long Island were able to: sustain Catholic Charities in its mandate to lift up the needy and the poor; help our young people to grow in their faith through education, campus ministry, and youth ministry; support those shackled by addiction at rehabilitation facilities like Talbot House; help pay tuition for our future priests and deacons; further the life-affirming work of the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics, particularly in their commitment to the unborn.

Please join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that we can continue to perform daily acts of compassion and love through our vital diocesan ministries.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: **Parish of the Holy Cross** - 176 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Level 2



### Part One of the Mass

Lesson to be held on  
**Wednesday, March 25th**  
at **7:00pm**

Level 2 Students will receive their  
Mass book on Wednesday,  
March 25th and go through  
the first part of the Mass



### Part Two of the Mass

Lesson to be held on  
**Monday, April 13th**  
at **7:00pm**

Please bring your Mass book



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

Matthew 19:14

## LEVEL 8 CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS



**Time change!** → **Monday, March 23rd**  
from **5:45-7:30pm**  
and  
**Thursday, March 26th**  
from **6-8pm**

Students have been assigned a specific day and time.

Level 8 students, all work must be handed in  
no later than Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



Catechists  
for our  
Religious Ed.  
Program

### Catechists Needed for 2026-2027

*We are seeking volunteers  
willing to share faith with our parish children.*

Special Need Catechists, Mondays 4pm-6pm

**Level 2 Catechists** for the following areas –  
Cherokee, Wenonah, Bretton Woods,  
Eugene Auer, Mt. Pleasant, and Hiawatha

If you enjoy working with children and are available for 1 hour  
a week, please call Jennifer or Mary at the  
Religious Education office at 631-265-2200

# PARISH LENTEN EVENTS



## OUTREACH & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HANDS OF COMPASSION



### How it works:

To help, we are asking each grade to donate their assigned pantry item and return it on their assigned weekend.

We are only asking for one item per student.

***Please see the list below for your grade's assigned item and weekend:***

<u>Grades 2 &amp; 5</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grades 1 &amp; 4</u>	<u>Grades 6 &amp; 8</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>
One (1) can of vegetables (any kind)	One (1) jar of grape jelly	One (1) jar of mayo	One (1) jar of pasta sauce	One (1) bottle of juice (non-refrigerated)
2/28 - 3/1	3/7 - 3/8	3/14 - 3/15	3/21 - 3/22	3/28 - 3/29

***After you place your item in the wagon, please write your name on a paper hand and leave it on the table so we can place it on the Hands of Compassion board.***

**Thank you, in advance, for making Outreach families a part of your Lenten Journey.**

### **Special Re-Enactment of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem**

Saturday, March 28th  
5 PM Mass

### **Tenebrae Candlelight Prayer Service**

Monday, March 30th  
7:30PM

### **Holy Week for Children**

#### **Children's Good Friday Prayer Service**

Friday, April 3rd  
12:00 Noon

## ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT LENT & EASTER

*can be found on the parish website all in one place!*

Go to the parish website homepage, scroll down to find "All Things Lent to Easter," and click to find a dedicated webpage just for updated Lent and Easter announcements and events, such as:

- Holy Week & Easter Schedule
- Lenten Gospel Reflections for the family
- "Eat Simply" Lenten Campaign & other event info

### **LENTEN FAMILY CALENDAR**

The full calendar can be found on the parish website

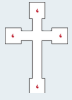


**We are placing our "Hands of Compassion" intentions on the altar during Lent.**

If you are in need of a "Hands of Compassion" cut-out to place your intention for Lent, it can be found on the parish website.

On the homepage, scroll down and click on "All Things Lent and Easter," and then scroll down. You can download and print at home.

Extra copies are also available in the Atrium.



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



## Our parish is always in need of more Liturgical Ministers...

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Michael, as a letter on your behalf needs to be submitted to the Bishop's Office. Please check below for the Spring Training dates and sites. You must be registered for the class as no walk-ins are permitted.

If you have any other questions, please contact Michele Hall at: [mhall@holycrossrc.org](mailto:mhall@holycrossrc.org)



**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A** - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. **One must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

## Date and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training 2026

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A:**

**Tuesday, April 21** - St. Elizabeth/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

**Monday, April 27** - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A:**

**Saturday, May 30** - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Center; 9:00 am - 12 noon.

There is NO Lector Workshop offered at this session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor's nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Part B** - presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

**These sessions will run from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.**

**Monday, May 4** - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC - Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

**Tuesday, May 26** - St. Elizabeth/Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



### HOSPITALITY

**on Saturday, March 21  
& Sunday, March 22**

Our youth volunteers will be serving complimentary refreshments in the atrium after the 5PM & 11:30AM Masses

### YOUTH COMMUNITY CARES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



If you are a middle school or high school student looking for community service hours, we currently have great opportunities for you to share your time and talent!

For additional information, join our Remind group:

[rmd.at/ycchc](https://www.remind.com/join/rmd.at/ycchc)

or please email Angela at:

[youthcc@holycrossrc.org](mailto:youthcc@holycrossrc.org)

to get a Sign-Up Genius Link



**Tuesday Morning  
April 7th**

**11:30AM - 1:30PM  
in the Atrium**

**For 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

**ONLY 20 SLOTS  
available**

**Sign up required online.**

More info on the parish website.

# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY



**March 8, 2026**

**Welcome Girl Scouts!**

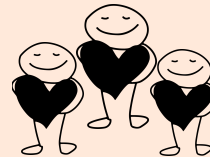
On Sunday, March 8th, Holy Cross welcomed girls from **Girl Scouts of Suffolk County**, ranging from Daisies to Ambassadors (k-12) to celebrate **Girl Scout Sunday** and kick off Girl Scout Week. Girls from troops 847, 2767, 871, 575, 662, 1446, and 564 were recognized, blessed and received a patch during the 9:30am Mass.

Great job, girls! Thank you for your service and so happy you were able to celebrate with us!



## Holy Cross Ministries

*How can you use your Hands of Compassion?*



For a full list of parish ministry descriptions, please visit our website at:

<https://holycrossrc.org/ministry-club-committees>

- Time
- Talent
- Friendship
- Leadership

*Come Join Us!*



## COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Reflections on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life

**Join Bishop Andrzej**

**Fridays of Lent  
March 27 at 11AM  
for Webinar Lenten Reflections**

Registration Required  
Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850  
or email - [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
to receive Zoom Webinar Link



## HOLY CROSS SENIORS



Our next meeting is on  
**Wednesday, MARCH 25th**  
Join us in the Atrium  
from **11:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

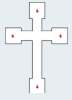


## In Stitches

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

**Tuesday, March 24th, 10AM to 12PM**  
**in the Father Joe Room**

Contact: JoEllen May-Wadsworth (631) 360-1373  
EMail: [jpmclady@yahoo.com](mailto:jpmclady@yahoo.com)



# PRAYER, ACTION & COMMUNITY

## The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2026 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [lrobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:lrobustelli@drvc.org)



## Chrism Mass

at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026 • 4:00 P.M.**

All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at [cfnv.org](http://cfnv.org).

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*So in Christ we, though many, form one body,  
and each member belongs to all the others.*

**Romans 12:5**

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- ✓ Thursday, April 9, 2026
- ✓ Thursday, May 14, 2026

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# Spring Cash Fling



For many years the Cash Calendar was a part of the Holy Cross routine, and this fundraiser provided some additional financial support to the parish.

*At this time, it is unlikely that we have enough parishioners attending Mass on a weekly basis to support a monthly drawing, so we will continue as we have done for the past few years with our quarterly drawing.*

- \$10 per ticket
- Tickets are available for purchase March, April, and May.
- Drawing will be held June 1st

This is the pay scale which will be offered:

- 1 Prize @ \$250
- 2 Prizes @ \$100
- 10 Prizes @ \$50
- 15 Prizes @ \$25

This formula was based upon selling 250 tickets @ \$10 each.  
*If more than 250 tickets are sold, the number of prizes will be increased.*

**Please cut out and use the tickets below.**

You may return your entries by placing them in an envelope and depositing it in the basket on weekends, or returning them to the Parish Office.

## Thank you for your support!



### Spring Cash Fling

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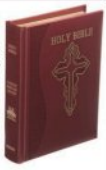
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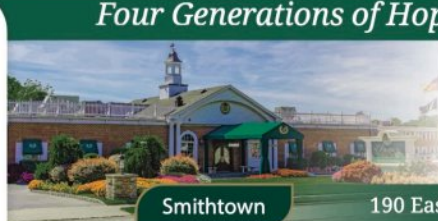
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