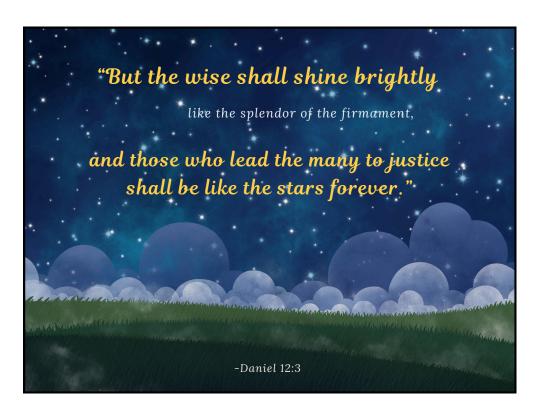


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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - November 17, 2024



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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.

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



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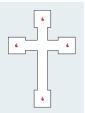
You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

-Psalm 16:11

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



ASSORTED NOVEMBER TIDBITS



Weekly Reflection by Fr. Michael

Next Sunday afternoon is going to be an uplifting and engaging afternoon. Brian Reich will be orchestrating a concert featuring our liturgical musicians and singers. All of us have a favorite tune or two that we sing at Mass. A really good song moves our thoughts out of our heads and into our hearts. It speaks a different language that can foster a spirit of prayer that may not happen if we just uttered words. I hope you can join us and bring a friend. The afternoon will begin with a wine and cheese hospitality gathering that will help us settle in. But, please let us know if you plan on attending. We don't want to run out of cheese puffs.

There is a safety improvement we are making to bring to your attention. We will be installing several bollards near the handicap parking spaces in the front of the building. (A bollard is a thick steel pipe, often painted yellow and filled with concrete.) A few weeks ago, we had a car jump the curb, break through the black fence and hit a tree in that area. Unfortunately, the end results were minor injuries and a crunched car. This is the second time an accident like this has occurred during my time here. In both instances, the car came very close to striking the large metal utility box that is located in that area. This box contains the high voltage power lines that energize the entire building. This location has proven to be a potential hazard. We want to avoid more serious consequences should another accident of that nature happen again. The cost of this improvement is \$1,000. The money was taken from our Renovations and Major Repairs fund.

There seems to be a new trend forming in celebrating funeral Masses. During October and November, we had about a half dozen funerals where the death of the person took place anywhere from several weeks to several months earlier. The person was cremated and then a Mass was scheduled at a later time. In some cases, this was necessary because family members had to travel a great distance to get here. There does not always seem to be a need to have the services in proximity to the person's death. In a similar light, at one point in time, two and even three-day wakes were the common practice. Most wakes are now one day and, in some instances, one viewing session of 2-3 hours. We always do our best to accommodate these requests and work with families. We recognize there are some aspects of the traditional burial process that seem to be in transition.

We have a group of almost twenty who will be attending the Religious Education Congress in California in February. If there is anyone who is still interested that I have not spoken to, I need to hear from you as I am now making reservations for vans and shuttle buses. I need to make sure I have enough room for everyone who wants to go.



ON THE CALENDAR

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CELEBRANTS FOR
NEXT WEEKEND'S
MASSES



NOVEMBER 23

5:00 PM FR. MICHAEL

NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM FR. MICHAEL

9:30 AM FR. MICHAEL

11:30 AM FR. MICHAEL



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 24

- + Daniel 7:13-14
- + Revelation 1:5-8
- + John 18:33b-37

Sunday, November 17th 11:30AM Mass, Fr. Joe Room	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Sunday, November 17th 1:00PM, Worship Area	BAPTISMS
Monday, November 18th7:00PM, Worship Area	MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE
Tuesday, November 19th 10:00AM, Fr. Joe Room	IN STITCHES
Tuesday, November 19th 1:00PM - 3:00PM, Atrium	DRESS A GIRL
Tuesday, November 19th7:00PM, Fr. Joe Room	MOMS' GROUP
Wednesday, November 20th 1:30PM - 3:30PM, Fr. Joe Room	BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
Wednesday, November 20th1:30PM, Chapel	GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER
Wednesday, November 20th7:00PM - 8:45PM, Atrium, Chapel	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, November 21st 10:00AM, Atrium	SCRIPTURE STUDY
Thursday, November 21st 1:30PM - 3:15PM, Atrium, Chapel	THE CHOSEN
Thursday, November 21st4:30PM, Worship Area	ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Saturday, November 23rd 5:00PM after Mass, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY
Sunday, November 24th9:30AM & 11:30AM after Masses, Atrium	YCC HOSPITALITY
Sunday, November 24th	HOLY CROSS CONCERT



4:00PM, Atrium, Worship Area

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

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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 17, 9AM Masses

Mon. Tom Kearnes Tue. Concetta Brady Wed. Linda DiOrio Thu. Paul Loiacono

Saturday, November 23, 5 PM Mass

Patrick Keena Jr., Nancy Gallagher, Bobby Kieley, Nell Cangiano, James Lechner

Sunday, November 24, Christ the King Sunday

8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM Gloria Posimato
11:30 AM Rose Caparros, Ozzie Cruz,
Stanley Czwartacki, Carmen Coris,
Maria Volpe, Margaret & Philip McGovern



Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16



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



Banns of Marriage

Diana Panarello & Bryan Spinella Deidre Connor & Miguel Madeira

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COMMUNION



LITURGY BYTES by Michele Hall



Following the Lamb of God, quiet descends upon this time of the Mass as we prepare to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. Row by row parishioners approach the altar in lines via the center and side aisles. Music accompanies this ritual too.

As most of us know, this moment is an occasion for personal encounter with the living God. Cyril of Jerusalem said this about our posture coming forward to receive: "So, when you come forward, do not come with an arm extended or fingers parted. Make your left hand a throne for your right since your right hand is about to welcome a King. Cup your palm and receive in it, Christ's body, saying in response, Amen. After partaking of Christ's body, go to receive the chalice of his blood. Do not stretch your hands for it. Bow your head and say Amen to show your homage and reverence."

Even though Cyril mentions receiving with your right hand, those of us who are lefthanded do the opposite of what is said above. Most importantly, when we receive Christ's Body in our hands, we should gently and carefully place it into our mouths.

Some may have noticed a practice called intinction that some of our sisters and brothers do in order to receive under both forms of bread and wine. The US Bishops emphasize this point: "The communicant, including the extraordinary minister, is never allowed to self-communicate, even by means of intinction. Communion under either form, bread, or wine, must always be given by an ordinary or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion."

The beautiful prayers after Communion move us to give thanks for what God has done in giving us his Body and Blood.

O Sacrament, most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine.

Have a blessed 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

Be an Angel this Christmas!













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



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.



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.



Talbot House - the Catholic Charities crisis center

for those struggling with addiction

The PURPLE TAGS have a request for a store gift card. Please attach the angel to the gift card when dropping off.



Items for teens in the Brentwood area serviced by Pronto

The GREEN 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.



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. Please attach the angel to the gift card when dropping off.



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 8th, 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!

PARISH OUTREACH







Thanksgiving Basket Program

If you were assigned a basket, please drop off your completed Thanksgiving Basket on Sunday, November 17th, from 3pm - 5pm in the Parish Center.

REMINDER:

If you drop off your basket during Mass on Sunday, November 17th, 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 17th.

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





We will meet on Tuesday, November 19th, 1-3PM

in the Atrium

Every girl should have the chance to receive, own and wear a new dress. Our Dress a Girl ministry helps make this possible. We gather monthly to lovingly create dress kits at our "Cut-Ups" session. These dress kits are then available to take home, where skilled sewers create beautiful dresses. We hope that each dress symbolizes how special and loved each girl is. Our prayers are with them all.

If you would like to join us, we meet monthly to create the dress kits. If your talent lies in sewing, you are welcome to pick up a dress kit (with instructions) and create a beautiful dress for a girl in need.

All are welcome to join us. Not sure what you can offer? Our ministry leaders will help guide you as you work alongside others.

If you are interested, we ask that you please RSVP to the Outreach Office at 631-265-2200 so we can prepare for all those who will attend.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Mark 13: 31

This weekend, November 16 & 17, we are 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**.



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

We ask that you kindly RSVP to this free event by Thursday, November 21st.

Please drop this slip into the basket during a Mass offering or return it to the parish office by Nov. 21st.

<u>Family Name</u> <u>Number of Guests</u>



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 during the weekend of November 30th and December 1st to have your wreath blessed.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

AFTER MASS HOSPITALITY

Upcoming Community Service Events: (for middle & high school students)

Youth members of our parish will be providing refreshments
after Mass on the following weekends:

November 23/24 and December 14 5PM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses

Please register for this event to participate.

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





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

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

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



The Parish of the Holy Cross will hold its collection for the Catholic Ministries Appeal on the 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.

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

Please find more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at: <u>www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org</u>

Practice of Hope (Excerpt from "At Home with the Word 2024")

From listening to Jesus in today's Gospel, we can learn the importance of paying attention. Jesus encourages his disciples to learn from the growth of the fig tree. In a similar way, we can see the ways God is present in our lives each day, encouraging us to be like the wise who "shine brightly /.../and those who lead the many to justice" (Daniel 12:3).

Sometime this week, go outside to take a walk. Challenge yourself to silence potential distractions, such as technology. As you walk, take note of your surroundings. Can you feel or notice God's presence?

Today's psalm expresses a great deal of love and trust in God: the psalmist proclaims that with the Lord "at my right hand I shall not be disturbed" (Psalm 16:8).

Aside from your walk, spend intentional time in prayer throughout the week to cultivate a relationship with God that radiates delight and trust.



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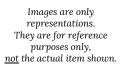


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